



Town and School Reports

AMHERST, N. H. 1960

200th Anniversary Year

ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town Officers
of
Amherst, N. H.
for the
Year Ending January 31, 1961

Also
Officers of School District
Year Ending June 30, 1960

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This Annual Report of the Colonial Town of Amherst published for the bicentennial year of its founding does honor to Clarence H. Hagar who retires after serving his community as Sexton for twenty-eight years. His regard for Amherst and its people was demonstrated by his devotion to the care and maintenance of its four cemeteries, his untiring efforts to perform the manifold duties of his office and by the extra loving attention to marking and then decorating annually the paupers grave. Many recall his cultivation of a cutting flower garden, complete with scissors, in the Meadow-view Cemetery, available at no cost, to any and all.

We are sincerely grateful for this opportunity to express our appreciation to him.

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TOWN OFFICERS — 1960

Moderator

A. M. Wight, Jr.

Selectmen

Allen D. Howard, 1 year
Rae Comerford, 2 years Hermon W. Anderson, 3 years

Treasurer

Catherine A. Kruger

Highway Agent

Richard G. Crocker

Town Clerk

Catherine A. Kruger

Constable

Albert H. Junkins

Tax Collector

Barbara H. Landry

Auditors

Orson H. Bragdon

Sexton of Cemeteries

George H. Howard

Clarence H. Hagar

Supervisors of the Checklists

Walter D. Wiggin

Frank L. Pearson

Donald O. Young

Fire Wards

Gordon P. Bowler, Fire Chief

Edward J. Marchildon, 1st Asst.

Robert F. Locke, 2nd Asst.

Civil Defense Director

Rae Comerford

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Edward A. Conti, 1 year

Henry F. Merrill, 2 years

Chester B. McGrath, 3 years

Library Trustees

Benjamin G. Bundy, 1 year (Cleaveland J. Campbell, resigned)

Lucy Richardson 1 year

Elizabeth G. Hall 2 years

Howard L. Husmer 2 years

Henry F. Merrill 3 years

Harriet Mitiguy, 3 years (Margaret Seamans resigned)

Zoning Officials

Administrative Official and Building Inspector

Allen D. Howard

Board of Adjustment

Allen D. Howard 1 year

Fred Vatcher 2 years

John C. Duff 3 years

Francis O. Lathrop 4 years

Edward Conti 5 years

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OFFICE HOURS
of
TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

At the Town Hall 2nd and 4th Monday evenings
from 7:30 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.

Tax Collector

Office at home — Mack Hill Road, Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m.
Also every 2nd and 4th Mondays at Town Hall,
7:30 p. m.

Town Clerk and Treasurer

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00
a. m. - 1:30 p. m.
2nd and 4th Mondays, Town Hall — 7:30 p. m.

General Information

Phone Town Hall	Milford 527
Tax Collector	1092-W
Town Clerk	1019
Fire Chief	540-W
Assistant Chief	906
Fire Station	540-M
IN CASE OF FIRE — CALL 80	
Road Agent	92-M
Police Chief	Harrison 4-3300

**Veteran's exemption blanks must be filed each year
not later than April 15th.**

Obtain a permit before burning out of doors. Any
kind of an outside fire is subject to a \$200 fine if started
without a permit.

Every new building, sign, or new business requires
a permit from the Administrative Official.

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

Polls to open at 1:00 p. m. and close at 7:00 p. m.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Amherst on Tuesday, the 14th day of March next, at eight of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to give the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer authority to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
4. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 1½% on 1961 property taxes paid by May 1st, 1961. Any person paying on their 1961 property tax an amount equal to 80% of their 1960 property tax to be allowed 1½% discount on their 1961 property tax bill if paid in full by December 1, 1961.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to purchase advertising space in the 1962 Guide of the Merrimack Valley Region, or act in relation thereto.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to continue the plan started in 1956 for the improvement of roads.

7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,300.00 to finish filling in the new part of Meadowview Cemetery bordering Jacobson's land. These lots are eventually sold causing no expense to the Town. (By request of Sexton.)

8. To see if the Town of Amherst will vote to reconstruct where necessary and oil that portion of Washer Cove Road at Baboosic Lake from the intersection of Clark Avenue and Washer Cove Road approximately 277 feet to the intersection of Washer Cove Road with West Street and to raise and appropriate sufficient money for the work. (By request of Baboosic Cottagers Association.)

9. To see if the Town will vote to close the registration period of new voters one week prior to any Town Meeting, Primary, State or National election. (By request of the Supervisors.)

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350.00 to pay for publishing inventory of taxable property in the 1961 Town Report.

11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the road built by Harold W. Wilkins, Sr. as specified by the Selectmen and Road Agent.

12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to execute a quit claim deed from the Town to Miss Bertha Rogers of a parcel of land the ownership of which is in doubt.

13. To see if the Town will vote to increase the Selectmen's token salary from \$350.00 to \$500.00 per year and raise and appropriate money for the same. (By petition.)

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300.00 to complete renovation of the Court Room.

15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to be made available to the Planning Board for use in the purchase of suitable maps, the printing and distribution of revised Zoning Ordinances, and for such other purposes as the Board may deem advisable in connection with its duties. (Submitted and recommended by the Planning Board of The Town of Amherst.)

16. To see if the Town will enter into the Urban Planning Assistance Program, the approximate cost of which will be \$4,000.00 by voting to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 as its share of the cost, the balance to be supplied by the State and Federal governments; the Town to receive as a result of this project essential base maps, aerial photographs, a land-use study to guide the future developments of the Town, and a land-use report with full finding and recommendations along with suitable zoning maps.

17. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Planning Board of seven members with duties as set forth in sections 1-15, Chapter 36, N. H. Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955, to make a study of the Town's development and report to the Town appropriate recommendations for the promotion of the Town's best development. The Board shall consist of one Selectman and six other citizens appointed by the Selectmen, as provided in Chapter 36, N. H. Revised Statutes Annotated, 1955.

18. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance by adding to Section 3 of Article 1 (which pertains to Roadside District) the following paragraph to be designated "E":

"Every new building shall be set back from the front property line not less than thirty feet, or such distances as shall conform to the line of existing buildings on adjacent property; and the side of any building

facing the front property line shall be parallel thereto. All new buildings shall be set back at least fifteen feet from the side and rear of property lines.”

19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows: By inserting before the word “Dump” as it appears in paragraph A of each section of Article 1, the word “private” and after the same word “Dump” the words “not for a public dump until an advertised public hearing has first been held.”

20. To see if the Town will vote to empower the Selectmen to accept as a town road any road that meets the following specifications:

(1) The right of way shall be at least 45 feet in width and conveyed to the town by deed.

(2) The finished grade shall be at least 18 feet in width.

(3) The roadbed shall be constructed by (a) removal of all loam and yielding materials, (b) shall have all boulders broken off at least 12 inches beneath the sub-grade, (c) the sub-grade shall be constructed of at least 12 inches of gravel with a minimum width of 24 feet, (d) the finished grade shall be constructed of at least 4 inches of fine gravel such as will go through a 2-inch mesh screen, (e) shall have applied a binder coat of road mix asphalt at the rate of $1\frac{1}{4}$ gallons per square yard, (f) shall have drainage and culverts installed where necessary.

(4) All dead ends shall be provided with a turnaround of at least 75 feet radius.

(5) No curve shall have a centerline radius of less than 150 feet.

(6) No grade shall be greater than 9 percent.

21. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance by changing paragraph D of Sec-

tion 2 (Village District), paragraph B of Section 3 (Roadside District) and paragraph B of Section 4 (Rural District), all of which relate to "signs" to read as follows instead of as heretofore:

"Signs of the following nature may be erected within this District: Federal, Town and State directional and regulatory signs; historic signs, advertising signs as large as twelve square feet in total relating only to the use or uses conducted in the building or upon the immediate premises thereof by either the property owner or by the tenant. All signs shall be placed in such a manner as not to obstruct the view of the highway."

22. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

(a) Paragraph S of Section 1 of Article 1 be changed and known as paragraph 4, by replacing the word "or" by a comma and inserting after the words "Roadside District" a comma and the words "or the Lakeside District."

(b) Inserting a new paragraph 3 of Section 1 of Article 1 which shall read:

"3. The Lakeside District, which shall comprise all land lying within the following bounds:

South of Baboosic Lake at the junction of the Merrimack-Amherst town lines and the Merrimack Road westerly along the Merrimack Road to its junction with the Lake Road; thence northerly along the Lake Road to the Walnut Hill Road; thence northerly along the Walnut Hill Road to the point of crossing the former Boston and Maine right-of-way; thence following the right-of-way northeasterly and easterly to the Town line; thence along the town line to the point of beginning."

(c) Section 4 of Article 1 be known as Section 5, and Section 5 of Article 1 be known as Section 6.

(d) A new Section 4 of Article 1 to be inserted which shall read as follows:

“The Lakeside District shall enjoy the following regulations and restrictions:

(a) No land in said district shall be used for a private dump nor a public dump unless an advertised public hearing has first been held. Or for a trailer Park or for the location of a trailer for residential purposes, or the storage of abandoned vehicles or discarded materials of any kind, nor used in a manner that is disorderly, unsightly, noxious, or detrimental to the public, or prejudicial to the general welfare.

(b) Signs of the following nature may be erected within this district: Federal, Town and State directional and regulatory signs, historic signs, advertising signs as large as twelve square feet in total relating only to the use or uses conducted in the building or upon the immediate premises thereof by either the property owner or by the tenant. All signs shall be placed in such a manner as not to obstruct the view of the highway.

(c) Any person wishing to erect a new building, addition to present building, establish a new business, or erect signs, shall first receive a written permit from the Administrative Official.

(d) No new dwelling be it permanent or seasonal shall be erected or constructed on a lot of land having less than 100 feet of frontage, on the principal route of access to the lot, and in the case of any lot on the lake front having less than 100 feet of shoreline, nor on a lot having less than 10,000 square feet of area, unless such lot of land shall have been recorded and taxed as a lot of record on or prior to the adoption of this amendment.

(e) Every new building shall be set back

from the front property line not less than thirty feet, or such distances as shall conform to the line of existing buildings on adjacent property; and the side of any building facing the front property line shall be parallel thereto. All new buildings shall be set back at least fifteen feet from the side and rear of property lines, or in the case of property on the Lake Shore, at least 30 feet from the water's edge.

23. To see if the Town will vote to increase the salary of 43 members of the Fire Department by \$20 a year and raise and appropriate \$860.00 for same.

24. To see if the Town will vote to have the moderator appoint a committee of three to work with the selectmen on an insurance plan for the town.

25. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 17th day of February, nineteen hundred and sixty-one.

ALLEN D. HOWARD,
HERMON W. ANDERSON,
RAE COMERFORD,
Selectmen of Amherst.

BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1961 to December 31, 1961.

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Year January 1, 1960 to December 31, 1960.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1960	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1960	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1961
From State:			
Interest and dividends tax	\$15,000.00	\$18,304.32	\$15,000.00
Railroad tax		13.83	
Savings bank tax	150.00	130.63	125.00
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands		1.51	1.50
Head tax reimbursement		21.76	
Bounties		109.50	
Reimbursement a/c old age assistance		150.90	
Fire training and investigation		50.48	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses	800.00	845.45	800.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	6.00	24.50	
Fines & forfeits, municipal court		934.20	
Rent of town hall and other buildings	200.00	270.00	200.00
Interest received on taxes & deposits		890.65	
Income from trust funds	200.00	213.07	200.00
Income from departments:			
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment		3,342.48	
(b) Sale of cemetery lots		425.00	
(c) Perpetual care		1,800.00	
Reimbursement a/c fire (Mack Hill)		943.33	
Motor Vehicle permit fees	12,000.00	15,044.85	12,000.00
Bicentennial Celebration		2,996.38	
Reimbursement, J. Bathalon, dog care		10.00	
Men's Club gift		213.10	
Refund insurance premium		264.84	
Social security withholding		92.93	

Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:

Head tax penalties	103.00
Tax sales redeemed	2,100.74
1960 head tax	4,444.60
Prior years' head tax	1,030.00

From Local Taxes Other Than**Property Taxes:**

(a) Poll taxes—regular at \$2	1,500.00	1,624.00	1,500.00
(b) National bank stock taxes	70.00	74.00	70.00
(c) Yield taxes		1,030.54	500.00

Total revenue from all sources

except property taxes	\$29,926.00	\$30,396.50
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Amount to be Raised by

Property Taxes	\$219,787.41
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PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	Approp'ns Previous Year 1960	Actual Expend. Previous Year 1960	Estimated Expend. Ensuing Year 1961
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00
Town officers' expenses	2,300.00	2,453.69	2,500.00
Election & registration exp.	500.00	624.98	250.00
Municipal court expenses	200.00	200.00	200.00
Expenses town hall and other			
town buildings	2,900.00	2,987.94	2,900.00
Employees' retirement and			
social security	700.00	284.32	700.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police department	1,500.00	1,722.43	2,000.00
Fire department—Art. 16			
Chief's raise (\$50.00)	6,345.00	6,620.49	7,875.00
Moth Exterm.—Blister rust and			
care of trees	2,300.00	2,221.80	2,200.00
Abatements		287.50	
Bounties		126.50	
Damages and legal expenses	250.00	250.00	250.00
Civil Defense	250.00	10.80	250.00
Health:			
Health dept., including hospitals	50.00	32.00	50.00
Vital statistics	80.00	51.00	80.00
Souhegan Nursing	200.00	200.00	200.00
Town dump and garbage removal	400.00	399.20	600.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Oiling	9,000.00	9,015.91	9,000.00

Town maintenance—summer	8,000.00	9,500.30	8,500.00
Town maintenance—winter	9,600.00	14,256.81	9,600.00
Street lighting	2,600.00	2,539.50	2,600.00
Gen. exp. of highway dept.	800.00	784.24	800.00
Town Road Aid	1,290.78	1,290.78	1,284.73
Libraries:	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,600.00
Public Welfare:			
Town poor	1,000.00	912.51	2,000.00
Old age assistance	3,500.00	3,713.28	4,500.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Association	200.00	190.00	200.00
Aid to soldiers & their families	500.00		500.00
Recreation:			
Parks & playgrounds	700.00	689.88	700.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Article 10—lawn mower	477.25	477.25	
Cemeteries	1,600.00	1,912.19	1,600.00
Auto permits	750.00	766.00	800.00
Article 11—grade cemetery	1,500.00	1,499.60	
Article 9—Bicentennial	1,000.00	3,694.57	
Interest:			
Yield tax		344.63	
On long term notes & bonds	725.00	584.60	650.00
Outlay for New Construction and Perm. Improvements:			
Article 7—Fence		243.40	
Article 8—Town Hall		62.72	
Highways and Bridges:			
Precincts	4,490.80	4,490.80	4,963.14
Town's share—Article 6— road improvements	1,500.00	1,038.78	
Taxes bought by town		3,988.84	
Art. 21—Court room improv.	500.00	559.54	300.00
Head tax		5,042.14	
Trustees		3,205.00	
Article 22—Fire Dept.	500.00	492.24	
Payment on Principal of Debt:			
(a) Bonds	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
(c) Payment to Capital Reserve Funds	1,000.00	1,000.00	
County Taxes	18,459.44	18,459.44	20,000.00
School Taxes	157,445.82	156,570.64	
Total Expenditures		<u>\$277,573.24</u>	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES — 1960 Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1960

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts and Reimbursements 1960	Total Amount Available 1960	Expenditures 1960	Unexpended Balance 1960	Overdrafts 1960
Town officers' salaries	\$2,275.00	\$	\$ 2,275.00	\$ 2,275.00		
Town officers' expenses	2,300.00		2,300.00	2,453.69	\$	\$ 153.69
Election and registration	500.00		500.00	624.98		124.98
Municipal court	200.00	934.20	1,134.20	200.00	934.20	
Town hall	2,900.00	534.84	3,434.84	2,987.94	446.90	
Police department	1,500.00	10.00	1,510.00	1,722.43		212.43
Fire department — Article 16	6,345.00	50.48	6,395.48	6,620.49		225.01
Health department	50.00		50.00	32.00	18.00	
Care of trees	2,300.00		2,300.00	2,221.80	78.20	
Town Maintenance						
Winter	9,600.00	471.50	10,071.50	14,256.81		4,185.31
Summer	8,000.00	1,513.57	9,513.57	9,500.30	13.27	
Road Improvement — Article 6	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,038.78	461.22	
Oiling	9,000.00	15.48	9,015.48	9,015.91		.43
Dumps	400.00		400.00	399.20	.80	
General Expense—Highway Dept.	800.00		800.00	784.24	15.76	
T. R. A.	1,290.78		1,290.78	1,290.78		
Civil Defense	250.00		250.00	10.80	239.20	
Vital statistics	80.00		80.00	51.00	29.00	

Street lighting	2,600.00		2,600.00	2,539.50	60.50
Libraries	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	
Town poor	1,000.00		1,000.00	912.51	87.49
Old age assistance	3,500.00	150.90	3,650.90	3,713.28	62.38
Soldiers' aid	500.00		500.00	500.00	
Memorial Day	200.00		200.00	190.00	10.00
Parks and playgrounds	700.00		700.00	689.88	10.12
Cemeteries	1,600.00	150.00	1,750.00	1,912.19	162.19
Souhegan Nursing Association	200.00		200.00	200.00	
Damage and legal expense	250.00		250.00	250.00	
Auto permits	750.00		750.00	766.00	
County tax	18,459.44		18,459.44	18,459.44	16.00
Interest on notes	725.00		725.00	584.60	140.40
Precinct tax	4,490.80		4,490.80	4,490.80	
Grader and Bridge notes	7,000.00		7,000.00	7,000.00	
Article 7—Capital Reserve	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Article 9—200th Anniversary	1,000.00	2,996.38	3,996.38	3,694.57	301.81
Article 10—Mower	477.25		477.25	477.25	
Article 11—Grading Cemetery	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,499.60	.40
Article 17—Social Security	700.00	92.93	792.93	284.32	508.61
Article 21—Court Room Improvement	500.00		500.00	559.54	59.54
Art. 22—Truck tires & Overhead Door	500.00		500.00	492.24	7.76
	\$99,443.27	\$6,920.28	\$106,363.55	\$107,701.87	\$3,863.64
					\$5,201.96
					3,863.64
					<u>\$1,338.32</u>

Net overdraft of appropriation

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY INVENTORY

Summary: Inventory, Appropriations and Tax Rate

	1959	1960
Land and Buildings	\$3,241,361	\$3,329,701
Electric Plants	104,000	99,600
Horses	2,350 (47)	2,150 (43)
Neat Stock	1,600 (40)	1,440 (36)
Cows	16,400 (410)	16,000 (400)
Sheep and Goats	728 (91)	648 (81)
Hens	5,287 (24,787)	5,913 (27,611)
Hogs		8 (1)
Fur-bearing animals and rabbits	140 (59)	100 (40 mink)
Gasoline Pumps	1,250 (10)	1,375 (11)
Wood and Lumber	23,830	21,217
Mills and Machinery	5,200	7,200
Stock in Trade	29,375	32,305
House Trailers	3,400 (11)	3,000 (6)
Totals	\$3,434,921	\$3,520,657
Veterans' Exemption	179,800	191,600 (191)
Net Taxable Property	\$3,255,121	\$3,329,057
Town Appropriations	\$ 72,529.63	\$ 76,493.03
County Tax		18,459.44
School Appropriations	157,321.64	157,445.82
Total Appropriations	\$229,851.27	\$252,398.29
Tax Rate per \$100	\$6.70	\$6.50
School Rate	\$4.79	\$4.66
Town Rate	\$1.91	\$1.28
County Rate		\$.56
Precinct Rate	\$.45	\$.45

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Town Officers' salaries	\$ 2,275 00
Town Officers' expenses	2,300 00
Election and registration expenses	500 00
Municipal court expenses	200 00
Town hall and building maintenance, including clock on church	2,900 00
Police department	1,500 00
Forest fires and hydrant rental	6,295 00

Blister Rust — moth extermination and care of trees	2,300 00
Souhegan Nursing Association	200 00
Oiling Roads	9,000 00
Civil Defense	250 00
Health department	50 00
Vital Statistics	80 00
Auto Permits	750 00
Dump and garbage collection	400 00
Town Road Aid	1,290 78
Town maintenance (summer \$8,000) (winter \$9,600)	17,600 00
Street lighting	2,600 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	800 00
Libraries	2,500 00
Old Age Assistance	3,500 00
Public Relief (Town poor \$1,000) (Soldiers' aid \$500)	1,500 00
Memorial Day, Vet. Assoc., Old Home Day	200 00
Parks & playgrounds	700 00
Article 6 — Road Improvement	1,500 00
Cemeteries	1,600 00
Damages and legal exp. (incl. dog damage)	250 00
Article 22 — Purchase Fire Dept. equipment	500 00
Payment on debt (principal \$7,000) (interest \$725)	7,725 00
Capital Reserve Fund — fire equipment	1,000 00
Article 9 — Bicentennial Celebration	1,000 00
Article 10 — Lawn mower	477 25
Article 11 — Grading Meadowview Cemetery	1,500 00
Article 16 — Increase in Fire Chief's pay	50 00
Article 17 — Social Security	700 00
Article 21 — Renovation of Court Room	500 00
Total Town Appropriations	<u>\$ 76,493 03</u>
County Tax	18,459 44
School Tax	157,445 82
Total Town, County and School Appropriations	<u>\$252,398 29</u>

**Less: Estimated Revenues
and Credits:**

Business licenses & permits	\$ 5 00
Interest on taxes	500 00
Interest and dividends tax	18,304 32
Railroad tax	25 00
Savings bank tax	130 63
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal lands	1 50
Revenue from yield tax sources	500 00
Dog licenses	700 00
Fines and forfeits — municipal court	200 00
Rent of town property & equipment	200 00
Income from trust funds	200 00
Motor Vehicle permit fees	13,000 00
Total Revenues and Credits	\$ 33,766 45

\$218,631 84
1,865 06

Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$220,496 90
Less: 816 of poll taxes at \$2	\$1,632 00
National bank stock taxes	70 00
	----- 1,702 00

Amount to be raised by property taxes \$218,794 90
Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes:

Town	\$ 61,254 65
School	157,447 05
	----- 218,701 70
Precinct Taxes	4,579 50

Total Property Taxes	\$223,281 20
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	1,632 00
National Bank Stock Taxes	70 00

Total Taxes to be committed \$224,983 20

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of treasurer	\$15,178	35
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Grader Fund	5,251	85
Fire Truck Fund	2,040	60
Unredeemed Taxes:		
(b) Levy of 1959	2,543	84
(c) Levy of 1958	338	21
(d) Previous Years	682	32
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1960	36,236	36
(b) Levy of 1959	4	00
(d) Previous Years	9	04
(e) State Head Taxes—Levy of 1960	1,130	40
(f) State Head Taxes—Previous Years	15	00
Total Assets	\$63,429	97
Net Surplus, December 31, 1959	\$10,911	59
Net Surplus, December 31, 1960	22,380	71
Increase of Surplus	\$11,469	12

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Article 6 of 1960	\$ 461	22
Men's Club — Gift	213	10
Art. 8 of 1958 — Town hall renovation	390	22
Due to State:		
(a) State Head Taxes—1960		
(Uncollected \$1130.40) (Collected—		
not remitted to State Treas. \$55.00)	1,185	40
(b) Yield Tax—Bond & Debt Retirement		
(Uncollected \$138.29) (Collected—		
not remitted to State Treas. \$171.76)	310	05

Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation	15,196 82
Capital Reserve Funds:	
Grader Fund	5,251 85
Fire Truck Fund	2,040 60
Long Term Notes Outstanding:	
Grader Notes	4,000 00
Bridge Notes	12,000 00
Total Liabilities	\$41,049 26
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	22,380 71
Grand Total	\$63,429 97

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Town of Amherst

December 31, 1960

	Grader Serial Notes 2½%	Bridge Rte. 122 Serial Notes 2½%	
Maturity	Original Amt. \$16,000	Original Amt. \$24,535.58	Total Maturity
1961	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$7,000
1962		3,000	3,000
1963		3,000	3,000
1964		3,000	3,000
	\$4,000	\$12,000	\$16,000

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
1. Town hall, lands and buildings	\$ 40,000 00
Furniture and equipment	1,500 00
2. Libraries, lands and buildings	18,000 00
Furniture and equipment	5,000 00
3. Police department, lands and buildings	
Equipment	500 00
4. Fire department, lands & buildings	8,000 00
Equipment	19,000 00
5. Highway department, lands & buildings	1,000 00
Equipment	18,000 00
6. Parks, commons and playgrounds	5,000 00
9. Schools, lands and buildings	130,000 00
Equipment	8,000 00
10. Dumps	100 00
11. All lands and buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds	
Harding & Cassidy lot, 2 acres	25 00
Whitmore lot	20 00
Proctor lot, 25 acres	125 00
Winslow lot, 9 acres	15 00
Goodwin building	300 00
Chandler lot	50 00
Gelinas lot, 5 acres	100 00
Melendy lot, 3 acres	25 00
Graham lot, 60 acres	400 00

Total	\$255,160 00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

62 (59)	Auto Permits Jan. 1-Mar. 31, 1960	\$ 304 30
1467	Auto Permits Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 1960	14,740 55
Total		\$15,044 85
Dog Account		
273	Male or Spayed dogs	\$546 00
44	Female dogs	220 00
2	Female dogs (1959 license)	10 00
9	Kennel Licenses	109 00
15	Part year licenses	20 55
	Fines	8 50
		\$914 05
	Fee paid to Town Clerk	68 60
		\$845 45

Notice to owners or keepers of dogs — Chapter 466:1

Every owner or keeper of a dog three months old or over shall annually, on or before the thirtieth day of April, cause it to be registered, numbered, described and licensed for one year from the first day of the ensuing May, in the office of the clerk of the town wherein said dog is kept, and shall cause it to wear around its neck a collar distinctly marked with the registered number.

Lost tags will be replaced free.

50c penalty if not paid before July 1st.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

LEVY OF 1960

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property	\$223,363 32
Poll	1,630 00
National Bank Stock	74 00

Total	\$225,067 32
Yield Taxes	\$ 1,284 95
Added Taxes:	
Property	\$ 39 00
Poll	66 00
Interest Collected	24 17

Total Debits	\$226,481 44
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Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property	\$188,310 04
Poll	1,332 00
National Bank Stock	74 00
Yield	464 29
Interest Collected	24 17

	\$190,204 50
Discount Allowed	40 58

Uncollected Taxes as Per Collector's Lists:

Property	35,051 70
Poll	364 00
Yield	820 66

Total Credits	\$226,481 44
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SUMMARY OF WARRANT

State Head Tax

LEVY OF 1960

Dr.

State Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	\$5,415 00	
Added	160 00	
Total Committed	-----	\$5,575 00
Penalties Collected		4 50

		\$5,579 50

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	\$4,444 60	
Penalties	4 50	
	-----	\$4,449 10
Uncollected Head Taxes as per list		1,130 40

		\$5,579 50

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Poll and Yield Taxes

LEVY OF 1959

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of Jan. 1, 1960:

Property	\$31,523 05	
Poll	364 00	
Yield	556 25	
	-----	\$32,443 30
Added Poll Tax		2 00
Interest Collected		789 90

Total Debits		\$33,235 20

Cr.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property	\$31,477 37	
Poll	292 00	
Yield	556 25	
Interest	789 90	
	-----	\$33,115 52

Abatements Made:

Property	\$45 68	
Poll	70 00	
	-----	\$115 68

Uncollected:

Poll (Effie Byrne, May Provencher)	4 00	

Total Credits	\$33,235 20
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I hereby certify that the above list of uncollected taxes is correct to the best of my knowledge.

BARBARA H. LANDRY,
Collector.

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

State Head Tax

LEVY OF 1959

Dr.

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1960	\$1,190 00
Added Taxes during 1960	5 00
Penalties Collected	98 50

Total Debits	\$1,293 50

	Cr.	
Remittances to Treasurer:		
State Head Tax		\$1,030 00
Penalties Collected		98 50
		\$1,128 50
Abated		150 00
Uncollected		15 00
(Effic Byrne, May Provencher, Daniel Strickland)		
Total Credits		\$1,293 50

I hereby certify that the above list of uncollected taxes is correct to the best of my knowledge.

BARBARA H. LANDRY,
Collector.

SUMMARY OF WARRANT Yield Tax 1957

	Dr.	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1960		\$19 04
	Cr.	
Remitted to Treasurer		\$10 00
Uncollected (Novat Bergeron)		9 04
		\$19 04

SUMMARY OF WARRANT Property Tax 1958

	Dr.	
Uncollected as of January 1, 1960		\$23 52
	Cr.	
Abated during 1960		\$23 52

I hereby certify that the above list of uncollected taxes is correct to the best of my knowledge.

BARBARA H. LANDRY,
Collector.

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS

As of December 31, 1960

Dr.			
Tax sale account of levies of:			
	1959	1958	1957 & prior
Taxes Sold Town 1960	\$3,988.84		
Balance unredeemed taxes			
January 1, 1960		\$920.27	\$918.26
Interest Collected	15.34	44.19	17.05
Total Debits	\$4,004.18	\$964.46	\$935.31
Cr.			
Remitted to Treasurer	\$1,413.67	\$582.06	\$105.01
Remitted to Gauvin,			
Jr. on redemption			64.24
Unredeemed	2,543.84	338.21	682.32
Deeded to Town	31.33		66.69
Interest Remitted	15.34	44.19	17.05
Total Credits	\$4,004.18	\$964.46	\$935.31

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT — 1960

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1960	\$ 15,178 35
Received from:	
Barbara H. Landry, Tax Collector	231,084 94
Catherine A. Kruger, Town Clerk	
Auto Permit Fees	\$ 15,044 85
Dog Licenses	845 45
	----- 15,890 30
Clarence H. Hagar, Sexton	
Sale of Lots	425 00
Gifts — Perpetual Care:	
Charles R. Iles	150 00
Mrs. Myrtie Crooker Estate	200 00
Mrs. Carl E. Peterson	150 00
Brown — Hyde	150 00
Mrs. Annie J. Bills — Prince Lot	150 00
Frank Richardson	150 00
Robert W. Seamans	150 00
Kuester — Neugebauer	150 00
Strickland — Parker	250 00
Albert E. Hodgkinson	150 00
Gordon Bowler	150 00
	----- 1,800 00
Trustees of Trust Funds:	
Fiske Highway Fund	63 07
Additional Cemetery Care	150 00
	----- 213 07
State of New Hampshire:	
R. R. Tax	13 83
Old Age Recovery	150 90
Forest Fire Training	45 68
Investigation — Fire Prevention	4 80
Bounties	109 50
Interest and Dividends	18,304 32

Bank Taxes	130 63	
Reimbursement — Head Taxes	21 76	
Loss taxes — State land	1 51	
	-----	18,782 93

Town Hall Rentals:

Teen-age Dance	10 00	
Hillsborough County Dairymen	10 00	
Grange Dist. Meeting and		
1960 Rental	80 00	
School — Janitor Service	160 00	
Hillsborough Law Enforcement	10 00	
	-----	270 00

Gordon Bowler, Fire Chief:

Fires — burning without permit		943 33
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Sale Commemorative History,

badges, etc.	2,996 38	
Filing Fees	6 00	
Court Fines	934 20	
Pistol Permits	18 50	
Reimbursement, J. Bathalon		
(Care of dog)	10 00	
Men's Club Gift (For new Curtain)	213 10	
Refund Insurance Premium	264 84	
Social Security Withholding	92 93	
	-----	4,535 95

Richard G. Crooker, Road Agent:

Credit Winter Maintenance:

Town of Mont Vernon	357 50	
Guy H. Nelson	10 00	
Horace Greeley Restaurant	19 50	
Oliver Merrill	84 50	
	-----	471 50

Credit Summer Maintenance:

Town of Mont Vernon	67 50	
Arne Weimont	39 00	
State of New Hampshire	1,005 00	

Oliver Merrill	75 00	
Walter Wiggin	264 00	
	-----	1,450 50
Credit Grader Fund:		
State of New Hampshire	1,330 00	
Town of Mont Vernon	75 00	
	-----	1,405 00
Credit Oiling:		
Rent Tar Kettle		15 48
Total Receipts		\$277,288 00
On hand January 1, 1960		15,178 35

Total		\$292,466 35
Less Selectmen's orders		277,573 24

Balance — December 31, 1960		\$ 14,893 11

DETAIL STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Appropriation \$2,275.00

Expended:

Selectmen (3)	\$1050 00	
Tax Collector	650 00	
Treasurer and Clerk	400 00	
Trustee of Trust Fund	75 00	
Auditors (2)	100 00	
	-----	\$2,275 00

Town Officers' Expenses

Appropriation \$2,300.00

Expended:

Expenses and Supplies	\$1,166 08	
Printing	951 45	
Insurance	336 16	
	-----	\$2,453 69

Election and Registration

Appropriation \$500.00

Expended:

Officers	\$270 75	
Expenses	188 23	
Supervisors	166 00	
	-----	\$624 98

Municipal Court

Appropriation \$200.00

Expended:

Salaries, Justices and Clerk	\$200 00	
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Town Hall and Other Town Buildings

Appropriation \$2,700.00

Expended:

Janitor Service, supplies and repairs	\$1,045 38	
Insurance	479 94	
Fuel, lights, telephone and gas	1,462 62	
	-----	\$2,987 94

Police Department
Appropriation \$1,500.00

Expended:			
Payments to officers	\$1,045	42	
Supplies and equipment	641	66	
Insurance	35	35	
	-----		\$1,722 43

Fire Department (including Hydrant Rental)
Appropriation \$5,800.00

Expended:			
Repairs and supplies	\$2,647	17	
Insurance	704	73	
Fire Station heat, light & tel.	905	96	
Fire bills	897	63	
Hydrant rental & water bill	1,465	00	
	-----		\$6,620 49

Tree Committee
Appropriation \$2,300.00

Expended:			
Pruning and spraying	\$989	00	
Removal of trees and brush	806	80	
Planting of new trees & supplies	426	00	
	-----		\$2,221 80

Civil Defense
Appropriation \$250.00

Expended:			
Tent			\$10 80

Health Department
Appropriation \$50.00

Expended:			
Health Officer			\$32 00

Vital Statistics
Appropriation \$80.00

Expended:			
Town Clerk			\$51 00

Town Road Aid

Appropriation \$1,290.78

Expended:

State of New Hampshire \$1,290 78

Street Lighting

Appropriation \$2,500.00

Expended:

Public Service Co. of N. H. \$2,539 50

Libraries

Appropriation \$2,500.00

Expended:

Amherst Town Library \$2,500 00

Town Poor

Appropriation \$1,000.00

Expended:

Groceries and rent \$771 01

Medicine and medical care 108 85

Clothing 32 65

----- \$912 51

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation \$3,500.00

Expended:

State of New Hampshire \$3,713 28

Soldiers' Aid

Appropriation \$500.00

Expended

0

Memorial Day

Appropriation \$200.00

Expended:

Flags \$ 24 00

Band 160 00

Wreaths 6 00

----- \$190 00

Cemeteries

Appropriation \$1,600.00

Expended:

Clarence Hagar, Sexton \$1,912 19

	Souhegan Nursing Association	
	Appropriation \$200.00	
Expended:		
	Souhegan Nursing Association	\$200 00
	Damages and Legal Expense	
	Appropriation \$250.00	
Expended:		
	Town Counsel	\$250 00
	Auto Permits	
	Appropriation \$700.00	
Expended:		
	Town Clerk	\$766 00
	Long Term Notes	
	Appropriation \$7,000.00	
Expended:		
	Souhegan National Bank	\$7,000 00
	Taxes Bought By Town	
Expended:		
	Tax Collector	\$3,988 84
	Abatements	
Expended		\$287 50
	Trustees of Trust Funds	
Expended:		
	Paid to Trustees	\$4,205 00
	Bounties	
Expended		\$126 50
	County Tax	
	Appropriation \$18,459.44	
Expended:		
	County of Hillsborough	\$18,459 44
	Yield Tax	
Expended:		
	State of New Hampshire	\$344 63
	Head Tax	
Expended:		
	State of New Hampshire	\$5,042 14

Interest on Long Term Notes

Appropriation \$750.00

Expended:

Souhegan National Bank \$584.60

Precinct Tax

Appropriation \$4,490.80

Expended:

Amherst Village District \$4,490 80

Article 7 of 1959. Paint and Repair Fence

Expended:

Labor and paint \$200 00

Supplies and welding 43 40

----- \$243 40

Article 8 of 1959. Renovation of Town Hall

Appropriation \$1,000.00

Expended:

Repairs to porch \$29 72

Purchase of chairs 33 00

----- \$62 72

Amherst School District

Expended 1959-60:

Balance of Appropriation \$14,570 64

On account of 1960-61

Appropriation 142,000 00

----- \$156,570 64

Article 9. Bicentennial

Expended:

Supplies, sound, signs, stamps,

Public Service, chairs \$ 184 95

Police 305 80

For floats 70 00

Barbecue & Meals for guests 782 00

Band (Hollis) 100 00

Printing 58 99

Photography 50 00

Insurance 197 00

Books, tickets, programs, badges, armbands	1,945 83	
	-----	\$3,694 57

Article 10. New Mower

Expended:		
April 8		\$477 25

Article 11.

Special Appropriation \$1,500.00

Expended:		
Cemetery improvement:		
October 24	\$1,013 35	
December 9	241 40	
	-----	\$1,254 75

		244 85

		\$1,499 60

Article 17.

Expended:		
Social Security to State	\$234 32	
Catherine Kruger, handling fee	50 00	
	-----	\$284 32

Article 21.

Appropriation \$500.00 — For Courtroom

Expended:		
Refinishing table	\$125 00	
Judge's desk (Green)	50 00	
Covering for lights (Eastman)	88 78	
Lighting in Courtroom (Parker)	295 76	
	-----	\$559 54

Article 22.

Appropriation \$500.00 — For tires & overhead doors

Expended:		
May 27:		
Clark's Garage (Tires)	\$192 24	
Craftsmen, Inc. (Overhead doors)	300 00	
	-----	\$492 24

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

The following is a summarized report of this Department's activities during the past year.

1.) Winter Maintenance \$14,256.81. Your Highway Department experienced an average winter from January 1, 1960 to April 1, 1960. During the month of December we were hit with severe ice conditions making it necessary to salt and sand all roads many times. Because of this we're faced with payrolls totaling \$3,493.79 for the month of December. These adverse conditions also required the use of 41 tons of salt in this thirty day period.

A breakdown of Winter Maintenance expenses are: labor — 17 men, 1 foreman, \$3,646.63; hired equipment — 8 trucks, 3 tractors, 1 loader, \$4,983.20; salt and sand — \$2,071.76; repairs and supplies — \$3,555.22.

(2.) Summer Maintenance \$9,500.30. This program included grading 34 gravel roads several times, cutting back shoulders, spot graveling, replacing culverts, setting posts and signs. Also included in this program is the maintenance of shoulders on all our black roads and cutting brush on all roads. We were again able to use tractors to cut the majority of the brush. The cost of this program was: brush — \$1,862.26; culverts — \$1,777.20; gravel — \$752.29; grading and all other work — \$5,108.55.

(3.) Oiling \$9,015.91. Under this program approximately 14 miles of road were surface treated at a cost of \$5,983.86. Also included is the patching of approximately 39 miles of road and the sweeping and preparation of the roads to be oiled at a cost of \$3,032.05.

(4.) T. R. A. Program. Work was continued on the four year program now in effect. This program included work on the Brook Road .5 mile, Hubbard's Road .75 mile, North Street .5 mile, John Shell's Road .75 mile, Old Milford Road .35 mile, Roy Davis' Road .3 mile. Money spent on these roads in 1960 totaled

\$9,970.80. This work will continue in 1961 with all roads to receive the full 12-inch cover of gravel. The 1962 program calls for completion of these roads with a black top mix.

(5.) Article Six of the 1960 Warrant. The money for this article was spent relocating 800 feet of road at the entrance to Baboosic Lake. The work included re-locating the road, installation of one culvert, gravel at a cost of \$1,038.78. Early in the spring this road is to be blacked.

Again we were able to rent the grader at various times during the year. Besides the purchase of tires and a snow plow a profit of \$1,405.00 was added to the Grader Fund this year as a result of this rental work.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD G. CROCKER,
Highway Agent.

Dumps

	Appropriation	\$400.00	
Hired equipment		\$241 60	
Labor		157 60	
		-----	\$399 20

Article 6.

	Appropriation	\$1,500.00	
Hired equipment		\$792 80	
Labor		100 80	
Materials		145 18	
		-----	\$1,038 78

Parks and Playgrounds

	Appropriation	\$700.00	
Repairs and supplies		\$ 52 23	
Labor		600 85	
Hired equipment		36 80	
		-----	\$689 88

General Expense

Appropriation \$800.00

Insurance on men & grader	\$439 65	
Signs, tools & supplies	344 59	
	-----	\$784 24

Oiling

Appropriation \$9,000.00

Credit: Town of Hollis, N. H.		
(Use of tar kettle)	\$15 48	
	-----	\$9,015 48
Materials	\$5,053 76	
Hired equipment	2,133 40	
Labor	1,828 75	
	-----	\$9,015 91

Summer Maintenance

Appropriation	\$8,000 00	
Credits:		
Fiske Highway Fund	63 07	
Walter Wiggin	264 00	
Town of Mont Vernon	67 50	
Grader rentals:		
Arne Wiemont	39 00	
Oliver F. Merrill	75 00	
State of New Hampshire	1,005 00	

	\$9,513 57	

Supplies and materials	\$2,138 20	
Hired equipment	3,192 40	
Labor	4,169 70	
	-----	\$9,500 30

Winter Maintenance

Appropriation	\$9,600 00	
Credits:		
Town of Mont Vernon	357 50	
Grader rentals:		
Guy H. Nelson	10 00	

Oliver F. Merrill	84 50
Horace Greeley Restaurant	19 50

	\$10,071 50

Hired equipment	\$4,983 20
Labor	3,646 63
Salt, sand & repairs	5,626 98
	----- \$14,256 81

REPORT OF POLICE CHIEF

Fatality by fire	1
Arrests, including drunkenness, illegal possession by minor, breaking and entering, and motor vehicle violations	12
Safe keeping	2
Stolen property	7
Warnings, including D. E. tags, Juvenile, returning 'children home	72
Attended Civil Defense meeting and air raid test	2
Aid to various departments	23
Town Hall affairs requiring police	10
Dances and record hops at Baboosic Lake	39
Complaints of various nature, disturbances, prow- lers, breaking and entering, etc.	88
Traffic duty, lake area, Sundays & holidays	250 hours
Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Hallowe'en	53 hours
Fire Duty, including time spent with Fire Marshal's Department	6 hours
Bicentennial Police Duty	188 hours
Emergency Messages delivered	6
Motor Vehicle accidents	26

Dog complaints, such as stray dogs, dogs disposed of by police, SPCA or Animal Rescue League, dog damage, dog bite, dog chasing deer, etc. 37

This department has been called for assistance of many types during 1960 and has rendered aid at several fires in adjoining towns doing traffic work and assisting. Our department wishes to extend thanks to State Police Lieut. Conti, Corporal McBain, Troopers Trentini, Facticeau and others, Motor Vehicle Inspector Landry, Liquor Inspector Bozak, Chief Rockwell and members of the Milford Police Department for their cooperation and assistance during 1960.

Our traffic problems are increasing and among them is the Satellite Tracking Station recently put into operation, but it is our hope that through continuing efforts by this department in cooperation with the State Police and personnel at the site that this problem may become less troublesome. It has been noticed by our department that more people are enjoying Baboosic Lake than ever before, for its many recreational facilities. Fire extinguishers were put in two officers' cars this year through their purchase as surplus items, and it is hoped each man will have one available this year. It has become necessary through F. C. C. regulations that our radios be replaced. To comply therefore, one unit has been purchased during 1960 and it will require one more in 1961. In replacing the chief's set it will enable him to use the receiver unit at home, thereby saving about \$60, also giving better coverage. I wish to thank the members of the Amherst Police Department for their cooperation in helping to keep Amherst free of any Motor Vehicle fatality in 1960, and may we count on all motor vehicle operators to help again this year. Obey all traffic Rules and Regulations and help to keep Amherst a safe town during 1961.

Thank you.

ALBERT H. JUNKINS,
Police Chief.

AMHERST FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT — 1960

There were 34 alarms of which 15 were still alarms.

- 3 Building fires
- 7 Grass and brush fires
- 4 Dump fires
- 1 Chimney fire
- 3 Flooded oil burners
- 4 Vehicle fires
- 6 Miscellaneous calls
- 6 Mutual Aid

The Lawrence Engine Company adopted a new set of by-laws and by so doing is now known as the Amherst Fire Department. Instead of having one company as before, there are now three engine companies under one department. Each company has a captain and a lieutenant, who are responsible to the firewards.

The members of the department purchased a new portable pump for \$525 from funds raised by the members themselves. This has been a valuable addition to the department, without any added expense to the taxpayers.

GORDON P. BOWLER,
Chief, Amherst Fire Dept.

Prevention Is Your Business

Carelessness, human carelessness, causes 9 out of 10 forest fires. Each year 200,000 fires burn over 30 million acres in the United States. This represents 5 per cent of our nation's woodlands being wasted each year. Every fire takes its toll. Floods follow; stream flow is affected; timber, buildings, grazing and wildlife are destroyed — all because MANY are CARELESS with fire in and near woodland. This can be remedied. YOU can put an end to this shameful waste! PREVENTION is YOUR business!

YOU, whether YOU be a farmer, homemaker, business or professional man or woman, municipal, state or

federal official, clerk or woodsman can play an important part in the continuing and vital prevention program.

First — by setting a good example YOURSELF — being sensible and complying with the necessary laws and regulations governing the use of fire in and near woodlands.

Second — by using YOUR individual influence in your community and valued counsel with others in insisting and encouraging them to do likewise.

The following simple rules may be used as a guide both for YOU and for them:

1. Before burning, secure a permit from your local forest fire warden — the law requires it.
2. Be sure to properly supervise your burning — don't leave it.
3. Make certain your fire, camp or debris, is DEAD OUT before leaving it.
4. Don't throw down lighted matches, cigars and cigarettes or from moving vehicles — make sure they are out — use your ash tray.
5. Don't burn at home — use your town dump and save yourself much possible difficulty, both personal and financial.

Number of local fires 6

Number of acres burned 1

Number of permits issued 210

WINTHROP H. HANNAFORD,

District Chief.

GORDON P. BOWLER,

Forest Fire Warden.

SEXTON'S REPORT

The voters of Amherst elected me Sexton of the cemeteries 28 years ago. It was a very trying time with no work caused by the Depression, so I was very grate-

ful for the office. I feel that time has made it impossible for me to continue as Sexton.

In those years many improvements have been made. The Soldiers' Monument was put on a new foundation and the grounds graded and shrubs set out. All over the cemetery the foot stones were removed for better appearance. A new Second World War Memorial was created with gifts from Medlyn Monument Company, Grange, Men's Club, Sunday Schools and Allen Howard. A cement monument was made for Ponemah Cemetery to denote a cemetery. About sixty old lots in Meadow View were made over and turfed. The Chestnut Hill Cemetery, with the aid of Hermon Anderson and his boys, was completely made over and is being mowed with lawn mowers. The bottom of Meadow View Cemetery has been filled, ready for use, with the aid of Road Agent Crocker. (The latter was a special appropriation.) And many other improvements.

Between Memorial Day cleaning and the cleaning again in June for the 200th Anniversary, with rains all summer and finishing the grading at Chestnut Hill Cemetery, it was impossible to keep within the budget.

Your Sexton stated at the 1960 Town Meeting he thought he could put in the addition to Meadow View Cemetery with fill for 60 lots for \$1,500. There is a little more to be done, but there are 64 lots ready for use. With an additional \$300 it could be made 72 lots on this particular project that is started. This makes 100 percent on your investment.

Following up this project the lower part can be filled and will make about 50 more lots with an expense of about \$2,000. Your investment will pay for itself.

There were 11 burials; 7 from out of town and four from town.

Again I say thank you for the cooperation and trust.

CLARENCE H. HAGAR,

Sexton.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ending December 31, 1960

Accrued Interest on hand Jan. 1, 1960:	
Souhegan National Bank	\$ 350 76
Manchester Savings Bank	4,343 12
Fidelity Fund	2,000 22
Dividends and interest received in 1960	3,634 36

\$10,328 46

Expenditures in 1960 \$2,246 54

Accrued Interest on hand Dec. 31, 1960:	
Souhegan National Bank	57 57
Manchester Savings Bank	6,024 13
Fidelity Fund	2,000 22

\$10,328 46

Grader Fund

On hand Jan. 1, '60: Manchester Savings Bank	\$3,696 74
Deposit in 1960	1405 00
Interest earned in 1960	150 11

On hand December 31, 1960 \$5,251 85

Capital Reserve for Fire Truck

On hand Jan. 1, '60: Manchester Savings Bank	\$1,000 00
Deposit in 1960	1,000 00
Interest earned in 1960	40 60

On hand December 31, 1960 \$2,040 60

EDWARD A. CONTI,
HENRY F. MERRILL,
CHESTER B. McGRATH,

Trustees of Trust Funds.

Report of Investment of Common Trust Fund "A" of Amherst, N. H., on December 31, 1960

No. of Shares or Other Units		HOW INVESTED Description of Investment	COMMON TRUST - PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT "A"					
			Balance Beginning Year	DEDUCTIONS Sales Book Value	Capital Gains Cash	Proceeds From Sales Book Value	Gains or (Losses) From Sales	Balance End Year
	Jan. 1 1960	Added Dec. 31 1960						
1845	145		\$9,797.59					9,797.59
		Manchester Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. Principal Account A	9,695.29					9,695.29
		Manchester Savings Bank, Principal a/c A						10,961.00
		Amoskeag Savings Bank, Principal Account A	8,664.42		1.00	5,856.53	5,104.47	
977	20	Incorporated Investors Trust	7,946.03	2,612.09				6,031.33
641	24	Sale 600 Incorporated Investors Trust	4,860.87	1,789.28	13.46			6,143.29
1185	18	National Investors	7,706.19	1,455.16	22.47			3,383.24
1079	33	Fidelity Fund, Principal a/c	4,779.61		9.42			7,696.77
766	19	Sale 200 Fidelity Fund, Principal Account	7,935.00		2.58			4,777.03
		Massachusetts Investors Trust			5.60			7,929.40
		Chemical Fund			54.53			54.53
		Broad Street Investors						
		Total Capital Gains in '60: Manchester Savings Bank	\$61,385.00	5,856.53		5,856.53	5,104.47	66,489.47
			COMMON TRUST A - INCOME ACCOUNT					
			Balance Beginning Year			Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
256	9		\$ 350.76					57.57
		Manchester Savings Bank	3,797.26					5,176.58
		Fidelity Fund Income a/c	2,000.22					2,000.22
		Income from Principal Account A				2,828.49		
		Income from Income Account A				296.21		
		Perpetual Care and Maintenance of Cemeteries					1,048.66	
		Town of Amherst; Cemetery Improvement					150.00	
		Amherst Town Library					369.05	
		Amherst School District					407.79	
		Town of Amherst; Highway Maintenance					63.07	
			\$6,148.24			3,124.70	2,038.57	7,234.37

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Amherst, N. H., on December 31, 1960

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Received	Balance End Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1952	Common Trust Fund A	{ Cemetery Library School Highway Cemetery	{ Refer to accompanying report for details Manchester Sav. Bk. Cemetery	\$61,385.00		5,104.47		66,489.47	3,124.70	2,038.57	7,234.37
1930	Special Cemetery Fund B			1,670.34			18.00	1,688.34	•	•	
1954	New Funds B	Cemetery	Savings Banks	1,250.00							
1955	New Funds B	Cemetery	Savings Banks	950.00							
1956	New Funds B	Cemetery	Savings Banks	1,255.00							
1957	New Funds B	Library	Savings Banks	603.04							
1957	New Funds B	Cemetery	Savings Banks	900.00							
1958	New Funds B	Cemetery	Savings Banks	3,550.00							
1959	New Funds B	Cemetery	Savings Banks	750.00							
1959	New Funds B	Library	Savings Banks	1,000.00	1,800.00			12,558.04	509.66	207.97	847.55
1960	New Funds B	Cemetery	Savings Banks		500.00			80,735.85	3,634.36	2,246.54	8,081.92
1960	New Funds B	Library	Savings Banks	\$73,313.38	2,300.00	5,104.47	18.00	\$6,694.10			

DETAILS OF NEW FUNDS

Leander Barker lot	200.00
Charles Ralph Iles	150.00
Carl E. Peterson lot	150.00
Hyde-Brown lot	150.00
Ralph C. Bills lot	150.00
Frank Richardson	150.00
Robert W. Seamans	150.00
Otto K. Neugebauer	150.00
R. S. Parker-M. Strickland	250.00
Albert E. Hodgkins	150.00
Gordon P. & Beverly P. Bowler	150.00

* Income and Expenditures included below

TREE COMMITTEE REPORT

Although the Dutch Elm Disease attacked about the same number of Elms as in previous years, it is noteworthy that only two were large trees in the center of the village.

We hope that the systematic Dormant and Cover Sprays each spring, with constant pruning of dead wood for almost ten years was a factor in this decrease.

Replanting continues as the key — already Maples set out in the early '50's are becoming sizeable. This past year a planting program on the Main Street Green was started.

We again urge all property owners to continue their private Dormant and Cover Sprays in conjunction with the Town program, to obtain the maximum community-wise results.

Respectfully submitted,
G. WINTHROP BROWN,
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN,
ROBERT W. SEAMANS, Chr.

January 15, 1961

REPORT OF THE AMHERST PLANNING BOARD

Your Planning Board, reformed following the recessed March 1960 Town Meeting for the purpose of studying proposed Zoning Changes and reporting in April of 1960, has been very active during the past year.

At this writing, eight meetings have been held and prior to the Town Meeting, a public hearing on the Articles which pertain to Zoning changes will have been held.

In our deliberations, we have found ourselves in a quandary as to the actual facts as to "Where is Amherst now?", "What is desired for her future?", and "How can we of the Planning Board make suitable recommendations for the action of the Town which will permit a future healthy and orderly growth

for our community?" We live in a period of change, of movement of peoples, of increasing population, of new modes of living. Amherst must face up to these conditions and realize that we must be prepared. This can be done only through a sound program of Planning — planning today for tomorrow's conditions.

At one of our meetings, we met with Miss Mary Louise Hancock, Planning Director of the State Planning and Development Commission. As a result of this very worthwhile meeting and other studies, we were exposed to the Urban Planning Assistance Program and have become convinced with the desirability of entering into this program. We ask your favorable consideration of Article 16 which asks for an expenditure of \$1500 as the Town's share of a \$4000 land use study report. This study and the resultant findings, maps, and recommendations will, we are sure, serve the Town well in showing where we are, where we are going, and how we can best get there in an orderly and sound fashion.

We offer here now our comments on certain of the Warrant's articles:

ARTICLE 22

This establishes a new zone within our Zoning Ordinance to meet the specific needs of the summer recreational area about Baboosic Lake. The provisions are those resulting from a July meeting with a representative group of residents from the Lake area.

Passage is recommended.

ARTICLE 17

The present Planning Board exists by virtue of a Warrant Article passed in March of 1958. It is the feeling of your present Planning Board that we should be legally established within the authority granted by the General Court. To that end this Article is presented.

Passage is recommended.

ARTICLE 15

The printing of the Zoning Ordinance, the publication of advertisements of hearings, and other similar expenditures have

been assumed by the Town Officers. We feel that the Planning Board should be allotted a specific sum of money with which to pursue its duties, therefore this Article.

Passage is recommended.

ARTICLE 18

We believe it the intent of the Town to have had these provisions, which apply elsewhere in the Town, apply to the Roadside District but in the past was inadvertently overlooked.

Passage is recommended.

ARTICLE 21

The present wording of our regulations pertaining to "signs" in the Zoning Ordinance permits a person or persons to erect upon land owned but not occupied by them a sign advertising a product or profession located elsewhere, even out of town or out of state. This article has been inserted to overcome this situation.

Passage is recommended.

ARTICLE 20

Under present conditions, a taxpayer or group of taxpayers wishing to have a road accepted by the town must submit the proposal to the will of a Town Meeting and as passed in March 1959 such road must be constructed to specifications acceptable to the Road agent and have a minimum width of 45 feet.

The purpose of this article is to grant to the Board of Selectmen the authority to accept roads meeting specific specifications of a Road Ordinance without the necessity of waiting for an Annual Town Meeting or the calling of a Special Meeting.

Roads not meeting the specifications of the Ordinance may still be submitted and accepted or rejected as the will of the voters direct.

This article is the result of two meetings with our Road Agent, one of which was an open meeting attended by a group of interested citizens, and the result of consultation between our Road Agent and the State Engineers.

Passage is recommended.

ARTICLE 19

A minor self explanatory Zoning Change.

Passage is recommended.

ARTICLE 16

Pertaining to Land Use Study. See opening remarks of the report.

Passage is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. SMITH, Chairman
FRANCIS LATHROP
CHARLES LINCOLN
DWIGHT RICHARDSON
DEWEY SMITH

Planning Board of Amherst

Allen Howard, ex-officio

Forrest Jasper, in absentia

**REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL
OF ZONING ORDINANCE AND BUILDING
REGULATIONS**

During the year of 1960, there were 79 applications for the erection or alteration of buildings and erection of signs within the town covered by the Zoning Ordinance and Building Regulations on which permits were issued as follows:

Dwelling Houses	33
Dwelling House alterations	17
Outbuildings	12
Camps	5
Trailers	3
New signs	8
Oil tank	1

—
Total Permits 79

A permit for a drag strip was refused.

ALLEN D. HOWARD,
Administrative Official.

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

We request an appropriation for 1961 of \$2,600, an increase of \$100 over the \$2,500 requested for 1960. We have increased the amount asked for books by \$50, from \$900 to \$950, and the balance of the increase of \$100 is for an adjustment of the salary of an Assistant Librarian. Our budget for 1961 is estimated:

Income	
Appropriation	\$2,600 00
Trust Funds	450 00
Miscellaneous, gifts, fines	150 00

	\$3,200 00

Expenditures	
Books	\$ 950 00
Magazines	100 00
Librarians	1,275 00
Janitor	150 00
Building and Grounds	150 00
Lights	100 00
Fuel	425 00
Supplies	50 00

	\$3,200 00

The list of trustees is:

Benjamin G. Bundy	1 year
Lucy Richardson	1 year
Elizabeth G. Hall	2 years
Howard L. Husmer	2 years
Henry F. Merrill	3 years
Harriet Mitiguy	3 years

HENRY F. MERRILL, Sec.-Treas

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

In compliance with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (202:10 and 202:11) we give our annual report of the trustees:

Financial Report — The report of our treasurer on the general operating account and on the Mary B. Upham Fund is appended hereto.

Building and Grounds — These are considered to be in good condition.

Evening Hours — During 1960 while the schools were in session, the library has been kept open on Monday evenings in addition to the usual Friday evenings. This was undertaken on a trial basis and as it has proved to fill a need, it is proposed to continue. These sessions are in addition to the regular afternoon sessions on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Gifts — The trustees acknowledge with thanks a further gift from Mrs. Frederick W. Mosher of \$500. This has been placed with the Trustees of Trust Funds, the income to be credited to the library annually.

ELIZABETH G. HALL, Chairman
BENJAMIN G. BUNDY
HOWARD L. HUSMER
HARRIET MITIGUY
LUCY RICHARDSON
HENRY F. MERRILL, Secretary

AMHERST TOWN LIBRARY

Librarian's Report

In the past year of 1960 there have been many changes, new activities and additional hours in your library.

In January an increase in library hours was voted by the trustees. The additional hours, Monday evening

7 to 9, were on a trial basis for the remainder of the school year, thus providing the students with reference material which cannot be loaned out. This arrangement has proved very satisfactory and was continued again with the opening of school in September.

We wish to thank Mr. Childs, the art instructor, for his help in making our library most attractive with the interesting art work created by his students.

In June our town celebrated its 200th anniversary. The library played a very important part in this observance. With the articles of historical interest on display, many out-of-town people took this opportunity to visit the library and note with interest the many changes which have taken place in the past years.

The summer reading contest was again held with 16 children participating. At the close of the contest, a party was held on the back lawn of the library. The winners were announced and prizes awarded.

Another new feature of the library has been the borrowing of reproductions of famous paintings from the Peterboro Library. These have drawn many comments and also enhance the attractiveness of our rooms.

Our recent new venture of interest is our record collection. It is very modest at this time, but we hope to increase the number as the interest continues to grow. Many of these records have been given by people from Amherst and Milford. They are on the same rental basis as two-week books.

We wish to thank the following people for their gifts of money, books, magazines and records:

Mrs. Frederick Mosher, Mr. Ernest L. Warren, Miss Bertha Rogers, Mr. Frank Whaland of the Archie Slawsky Agency, Mr. Creeley S. Buchanan, Mrs. Richard Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Philip B. Holmes, Mrs. Carroll Chase, Mr. Shirley Carr, Mr. Frederick Gavin, Mrs. Barbara Landry, Mr. Orson Bragdon, Mr. Edward Larner Sr., Mr. George Harding, Mr. James Wanless, Miss Honora Spalding, Mr. Richard Mesle, Mrs. Margaret

Seamans, Mrs. Catherine Kruger, Miss Margaret Moser, Mrs. Meric Arnold and Mr. Elmer Peacock.

New books added to the library collection are classified as follows:

Adult fiction	90
Adult non-fiction	94
Juvenile fiction	82
Juvenile non-fiction	84

Total number added 350

Circulation figures for the year are as follows:

Adult fiction	4975	Juvenile fiction	5461
Adult non-fiction	1908	Juvenile non-fiction	3112
Magazines	1399		-----
	-----		8573
	8282		

Grand Total 16,855

There were also 821 books borrowed from the State Bookmobile.

It was with regret that the board accepted the resignations of Mr. Cleaveland Campbell and Mrs. Margaret Seamans, who had so willingly served for many years. Mr. B. J. Bundy and Mrs. Harriet Mitiguy were appointed to serve in their place.

As your library continues to grow we must bear in mind the thought and planning that goes into its operation, especially the responsibility of purchasing books. This is, in fact, a librarian's and trustee's most important and most responsible task. Each year there are over 12,000 books published. How to decide which shall be purchased in order to provide a well-balanced selection? This is our problem today!

Respectfully submitted,

MARION U. NELSON.

January 12, 1961

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

General Account

RECEIPTS

January 1, 1960, cash on hand	\$ 347 24
Appropriation	2500 00
Trust Funds — 1959 additional income	192 52
Trust Funds — part of 1960 income	215 00
Misc., gifts, fines & sales of books	151 20
	\$3,405 96

DISBURSEMENTS

Books	\$ 829 17
Magazines	99 45
Librarians' Salaries	1,204 75
Janitor's Salary	156 53
Building and grounds	123 53
Lights	96 54
Fuel	352 19
Supplies	71 24
December 31, 1960, cash on hand	472 56
	\$3,405 96

Mary B. Upham Fund

RECEIPTS

January 1, 1960, cash on hand	\$754 72
Bank interest	29 53
	\$784 25

DISBURSEMENTS

Disbursements	Nil
December 31, 1960, cash on hand	\$784 25
	\$784 25

HENRY F. MERRILL,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE JUSTICES OF THE AMHERST MUNICIPAL COURT

The business of the Court for the past year followed the general trend throughout the state in that it greatly increased in volume. As the financial report of the Court's business shows, a sizeable sum of money was paid to the State and to the Town as a result of fines levied by the Court. During 1960, regular sessions were held weekly with an average case load of five cases per session. While the main business of the Court involved motor vehicle offenses, juvenile matters increased in number proportionately.

During the past year, the Justice and Associate Justice have contributed their efforts to improving the physical facilities of the Court room and Selectmen's Office. A bench was built for the Court by John Greene and this contributes greatly to the creation of a proper atmosphere for the business of the Court. Adequate lighting was installed by the Selectmen, so that the Court can now see the respondents before it. Further improvements in the Selectmen's room are contemplated, and these too will be of benefit to the Court and to the town offices, since the facilities are used by everyone. None of the improvements made thus far and none of the contemplated improvements are for the sole use of the Court; all of them are for the general benefit of the town officers and citizens who have business with either the Selectmen or the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES J. LINCOLN, Justice,
WILLIAM C. VOSE, Associate Justice.

AMHERST MUNICIPAL COURT

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 1960	\$ 0 00
Fines and fees collected	2,954 90
	\$2,954 90

Payments

Motor Vehicle Department	\$1,674 90
Town of Amherst	900 00
Witness fees	101 94
Entry fee Supreme Court	1 00
Supplies	68 12
Balance on hand December 31, 1960	208 94
	\$2,954 90

W. C. VOSE,
Clerk.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the accounts of the following Town Officers: Selectmen, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Road Agent, Trustees of Trust Funds, Treasurer of Library, Clerk of Police Court, and find them correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Town Auditors.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the
County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified
to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in
said Amherst on Friday, the 17th of March next, at
eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the follow-
ing subjects:

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the
ensuing year.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be neces-
sary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and
make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the District will pay \$187.18 for a
fire hydrant installed in the extension to the District
voted to be accepted in March 1960. To be paid for
at the time of approved installation.

4. To see if the District will vote to re-insert in the
Rules and Regulations of the District adopted 1959 the
following:

(d) If additional hydrants are deemed ne-
cessary by the Commissioners on an extension,
the cost of the hydrants will be borne by the
District.

5. To transact any other business which may legal-
ly come before said meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 17th day of
February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred
and sixty-one.

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER,
HARRY R. MITIGUY,
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN,

Commissioners of the Amherst Village District.

A true copy of Warrant — Attest:

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER,
HARRY R. MITIGUY,
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN,

Commissioners of the Amherst Village District.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT

Your Commissioners are pleased to report that the District is now providing water to 162 users. Repayment of another \$6,000 in principal has reduced District indebtedness to \$107,000. In addition, adequate reserves are being systematically built up to provide for regular painting of the standpipe and other major maintenance.

During 1960 the District was extended to include Oak Hill. Water mains have been laid by the developer with formal acceptance by the District expected in the Spring of 1961.

Installation of a fire alarm box has been completed and it is anticipated that a hydrant will be installed with the advent of warm weather.

The Commissioners wish to take this opportunity to express their appreciation to Edward Marchildon and Randolph Kruger for their services in operating and maintaining the system in a most efficient manner.

OTTO K. NEUGEBAUER,
HARRY R. MITIGUY,
CREELEY S. BUCHANAN,
Commissioners.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1960

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1960	\$	3,419	01
Accounts Receivable, including			
December 31 bills		2,534	04
Total Current Assets	-----	\$	5,953 05
Water System:			
Land and Buildings	\$	679	60
Wells, pumps, mains, etc.		150,252	71
Fire Alarm System		6,700	00
	-----		157,632 31

Liabilities

Bonds Payable	\$107,000	00
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	56,585	36
	-----	\$163,585 36

RANDOLPH KRUGER,
Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched for.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Town Auditors.

AMHERST VILLAGE DISTRICT BUDGET
Estimates of receipts and expenditures for the ensuing year
January 1, 1961 to December 31, 1961

compared to

Estimated and actual receipts and expenditures of the previous
year January 1, 1960 to December 31, 1960

RECEIPTS

	1960 Estimated	1960 Received	1961 Estimated
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1960	\$ 363.27	\$ 363.27	\$ 419.01
Reserve	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
Total	\$ 2,363.27	\$ 2,363.27	\$ 3,419.01
Income water service prior year (4th quarter)	\$ 2,559.20	\$ 2,559.20	\$ 2,534.04
Income water service current year (1st 3 quarters)	3,000.00	3,441.35	3,000.00
Total income water service	\$ 5,559.20	\$ 6,000.55	\$ 5,534.04
Hydrant rental	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 1,365.00	\$ 1,430.00
Precinct tax	4,490.80	4,490.80	*4,963.14
Total receipts	\$13,778.27	\$14,219.62	\$15,346.19

EXPENDITURES

Bonds called and cancelled	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Bond interest	2,475.00	2,475.00	2,340.00
Sup't. salary	600.00	600.00	600.00
Ass't Sup't. salary	100.00	100.00	100.00
Tax Collector's salary	75.00	75.00	75.00
Accounting salary	200.00	200.00	200.00
Meters (repairs)	150.00	116.98	300.00
Electricity	1,200.00	932.25	1,200.00
Operating supplies & maintenance	200.00	71.22	200.00
Service connections	100.00	54.56	100.00
Water tests	15.00		
Office supplies and printing	100.00	84.28	75.00
Insurance	125.00	108.57	125.00
Fire alarm	75.00	25.43	425.00
Hydrant			187.18
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1960	363.27	363.27	419.01
Reserve	2,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$13,778.27	\$13,206.56	\$15,346.19

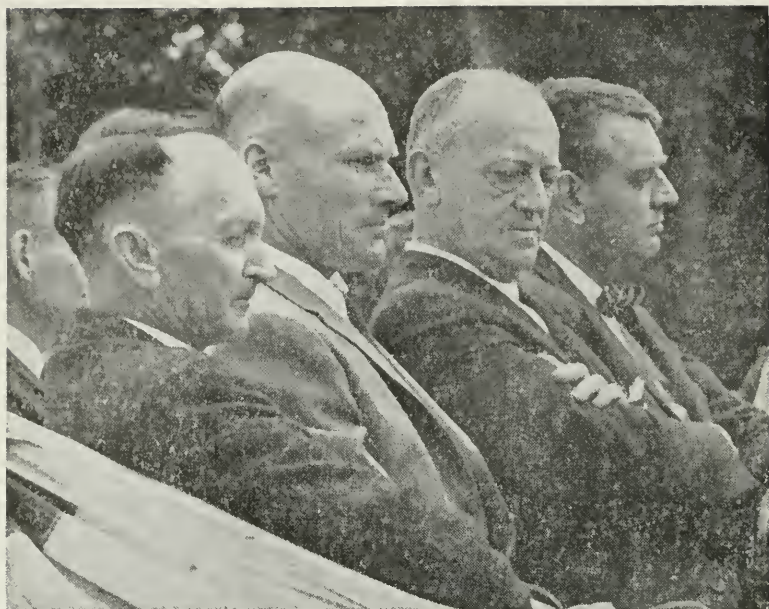
*To be raised by Taxes 1961



Meric G. "Bill" Arnold, General Chairman

Report of the
Amherst Bicentennial

June 25-26, 1960

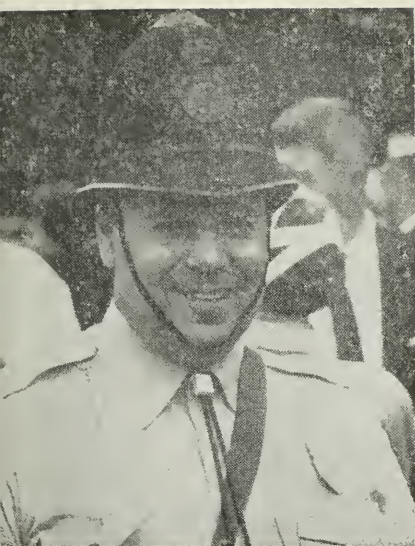


Dignitaries: Orson H. Bragdon, representatives to the General Court; Meric G. Arnold, Chairman; G. Winthrop Brown, committee member; Chester Wiggin, representing Senator Styles Bridges.

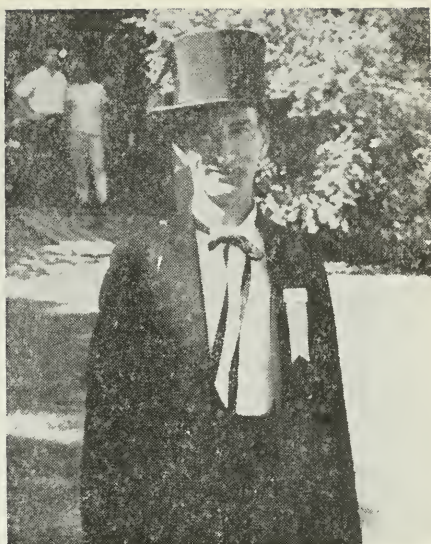
REPORT OF THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

The bicentennial celebration was held on Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26, 1960. It started with a colorful parade on Saturday at 10:30 — on time — and included about 18 antique autos, 3 bands, some 30 floats and specialties, Our Senior Citizens, a Red Cross car, 4-H Trail Blazers riding 14 horses, modern fire equipment from Amherst, Hollis and Merrimack, Judge Lincoln's old "Fox," the Milford hand tub, "Neptune," 2 old hand tubs from New Boston, our old "Yankee" and "Lawrence" hand tubs, a string of ponies and a circus cage full of monkeys. The parade marshals kept things moving smoothly for almost an hour's viewing by an estimated crowd of more than 3,000 spectators.

The commemorative exercises took place immediately after the parade on a specially built reviewing



Harold L. Aldrich



*Edwin F. "Ned" Locke in charge of
the historical exhibits*

stand, trimmed with bunting and equipped with a public address system, and located on the Congregational church Parish House lawn, facing the common. The invocation was given by the Rev. Paul Trudinger of the Congregational church, and the benediction by Mr. Joseph Eaton of the Baptist church. Mrs. Asbury Dunn, representing the selectmen of Amherst, Mass., presented a scroll of congratulations from her town. This was accepted by Selectman Hermon W. Anderson on behalf of our town. Those who spoke were Mr. Meric G. Arnold, Mr. G. Winthrop Brown, Mr. William Rotch, the Honorable Perkins Bass, Mr. Chester Wiggin, representing Senator Styles Bridges, and Dr. Frank G. Pettengill of New York City, whose father practiced medicine here some 50 years ago, gave a most interesting and informative account of "Life in Amherst as a Boy." The 38-piece Mitchell Field Air Force Band, from New York, played 3 selections during the ceremonies.



The Colors!



Firefighter, olden style! The Yankee hand-tub



Age and dignity in the parade

A luncheon in the town hall put on by the Souhegan Grange and a chicken barbecue on the Congregational church lawn were served at noon. About 750 visitors came to see 7 of our lovely old homes which were opened to the public, as well as the town hall, the library, the fire station, our 2 schools and our 2 churches. There were "snack bars" at the Brick school yard, the fire house and on the porch of the Parish house.

A very popular exhibit was the "Museum" in Miss Honora Spalding's barn. Many townspeople brought valuable collections of old guns, bottles, milk glass, Horace Greeley mementoes, old furnishings, utensils, and costumes. An old kitchen was set up and furnished with an old cupboard, table, chairs, lamps, dishes, pewter and an old cook stove made in Amherst's foundry in 1858.

A reunion and picnic for the alumni of Amherst's high school was held on the common. And pony rides were made available for the children.

The Hollis band played selections from the review-



Amherst's Brick School: popular float and historic subject



Amherst's "police cruiser:" Harold Aldrich and his Model T



Observing the Bicentennial



Dr. Frank Pettingill gives the principal address

ing stand throughout the afternoon. At least 1,400 people attended the Arts and Crafts exhibit in the Parish house, where there was a showing of about 62 paintings by local artists, both professional and amateur, crafts by 20 persons and photographs in both black and white and colors by 6 exhibitors.

Tea was served to more than 100 guests by the Woman's Association in the Congregational church vestry on Saturday afternoon. And the Rev. George Sweeting, an evangelist and chalk artist, known nationally as the "Palette Preacher," presented 4 of his illustrated sermons — 3 at the Baptist church and 1 at the Congregational church. Mr. Harold De Cou, organist and pianist, accompanied the Rev. Sweeting in his presentations.

A supper in the town hall was put on by the 2 churches and was well attended. There followed a street dance, sponsored by the Ski Club, and held in front of the Parish house. People of all ages gathered in the beautifully lighted and decorated area to dance to recorded music. And at the town hall many came to



A. L. Martin rides on "The Lawrence" hand-tub

enjoy the showing of colored slides loaned by local camera enthusiasts.

On Sunday there were special services held in our 2 churches. Many parishioners attended the Congregational church in old costumes and welcomed Dr. Maurice E. Barrett, Minister Emeritus, who assisted the Rev. Paul Trudinger. A group of Masons from Benevolent Lodge No. 7, A.F. & A. M., the third oldest Masonic lodge in New Hampshire, attended the Baptist church as special guests.

Sunday afternoon there was a continuation of the Arts and Crafts exhibit, the "Museum" and the opened houses and public buildings.

A commemorative booklet of 37 pages, with a history of Amherst from 1733 to 1960 and many pictures, was printed and sold at \$1.00 each. Also printed was a bicentennial program which gave a complete list of all events during the 2-day celebration, the commemorative exercises in detail, a description of each of the 7 houses that were opened, and a list of all committees.



Costumes added much to the atmosphere of the celebration

These programs were included with the booklets and also given to those purchasing tickets to the opened houses. The tickets, which sold for \$2.00 for admission to all 7 houses, included a map of the town with the locations of the opened houses indicated by numbers. Numbers were also placed in front of the houses to correspond with the numbers on the ticket maps. Formal invitations were printed and sent out to all our special guests. And luncheon tickets were made up to give to 132 of our specially invited guests who had luncheon in the town hall at our expense. Commemorative badges made up with Amherst's seal on a button fastened to a blue ribbon stamped in gold, were sold by the hundreds before, during and after the celebration at 25 cents apiece.

At town meeting on March 7, 1960 the town appropriated \$1,000.00 to be used for expenses incurred in arranging this celebration. Gifts, sales and paid admissions during the 2 days brought the total income to \$3,996.38. The expenses for the special Post Office

cancellation stamp, printing, insurance, postage, public address system, electricity, bunting, photographs, one band, badges, meals, float awards, rental of tables and chairs, signs, supplies, and police services, came to \$3,694.57, leaving a balance of \$301.81, which was turned back to the town.

With good weather, much enthusiasm by our visitors, cooperation from our townspeople and much hard work by all the committees, the celebration was a decided success.

MERIC G. ARNOLD,
HERMON W. ANDERSON,
HELEN C. WIGGIN,
DOROTHY J. DAVIS,
G. WINTHROP BROWN,
ALLEN D. HOWARD,
EDWIN F. LOCKE,
HAROLD H. WILKINS, SR.,
The Bicentennial Committee.

All Bicentennial photos in this report were taken by M. Arnold Wight, Jr. except the picture of Chairman Meric G. Arnold, which was taken by Mrs. Carol Foster.

SELECTMEN'S NARRATIVE REPORT

It has been suggested that the Selectmen write a narrative report this year. This will be brief and will not touch on subjects covered by other departments.

Celebration of the 200th Anniversary was the most exciting event of the year. It took place on June 25-26 with Meric Arnold as Chairman. I believe Selectmen and citizens alike feel that he did a most magnificent job of making the celebration one of which Amherst should be proud and will be remembered for years to come.

The town hall is used almost constantly by various organizations, and with the exception of the Grange and School, contributing little or nothing to help in the maintenance. This expense increases yearly because of the hard use it receives. It is hoped that people and organizations who use it will try to have activities properly supervised and will cooperate with our janitor in trying to keep it neat.

Courtroom improvements consisted of new lighting system, judge's bench and the refinishing of the Selectmen's table. This year if the money is raised, the work will continue with the addition of new chairs, a State flag and possibly a new table for the Clerk.

It is hoped that the balance of money left from Article 8 of 1958 with the addition of \$213.10 given by the Men's Club can be used in the near future for the purpose of obtaining a new stage curtain and possibly some renovation of the stage.

There were no large overexpenditures in most departments with the exception of winter maintenance, which is controlled largely by weather.

The Selectmen have met with various committees and department heads and feel that our town is being operated in a manner worthy of praise rather than criticism.

In closing, the Selectmen wish to thank the Town Officers and all citizens who have cooperated to make 1960 a successful year.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1960

<i>Data and Place</i>	<i>Name of Bride and Groom</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Name and Station of Person Officiating</i>
1960			
Jan. 9, Hooksett	Arthur Stanley Botsford, Jr.	33	Rev. Robert D. Goodwin
	Theresa Winnifred Michie	37	Minister
Jan. 9, Hudson	Donald Richard Smith	24	John E. Baker
	Lena Marie Nelson	21	Justice of the Peace
Jan. 9, Wilton	Paul Delano Delude	25	Rev. E. A. Murphy
	Shirley Ann Boutwell	23	Priest
Feb. 27, Nashua	Wayne Anson Estes	18	Rev. Denton J. Neily
	Pauline Fernande Landry	18	Minister
Mar. 7, Amherst	Frederick Munroe Vatcher	22	Rev. L. Paul Trudinger
	Carolyn Philip Davis	20	Minister
Apr. 23, Manchester	Richard Newton Bragdon	29	Wallace Winchell
	Jeannette Marie Sylvester	24	Minister
May 6, Amherst	William Robert Batchelder	20	Rev. L. Paul Trudinger
	Marjorie Louise Webster	22	Minister
May 7, Hudson	Paul A. Vigola	18	John E. Baker
	Phyllis M. Smith	16	Justice of the Peace
May 30, Manchester	Richard Gardner Arnold	20	Rev. Thomas Savage
	Priscilla Beth Welch	19	Priest
June 11, Amherst	Roland John Wilkinson	29	Rev. L. Paul Trudinger
	Roberta Griffith Nordbeck	18	Minister
June 18, Amherst	Sergio Francis Papagni	30	Catherine A. Kruger
	Beverly Ann Millman	22	Justice of the Peace
June 18, Amherst	John Andrew Goodrich	22	Rev. George M. Hooten, Jr.
	Mary Ann Yudicky	22	Minister
June 25, Milford	Harry Alenn Bartlett	25	Rev. Robert J. Penberthy
	Marilyn Mae Morse	30	Minister
June 25, Milford	Lawrence Arthur Hall, Jr.	25	Rev. George B. Higgins
	Alyce Jane Nichols	20	Minister
July 23, Amherst	James W. McDonald	34	Catherine A. Kruger
	Dorothy M. Casamassima	29	Justice of the Peace
July 23, Milford	David John Sliney, Jr.	24	Rev. W. C. Blankenship
	Greta Mary Giselle Pelletier	23	Priest
July 23, Manchester	Silas Wells Hennessey III	19	Rev. J. Keith Lawton
	Susan Pegler Gidge	18	Minister
July 23, Lyme	Arnold Lee Wilkie	36	Margaret L. Frerichs
	Cynthia May Record	26	Minister
Aug 6, Amherst	Carl Mainland Fraser	22	E. David Willis
	Ruth Marie Gendron	21	Minister
Aug. 27, Amherst	Charles Donald Grant	21	Rev. Dick Thompson
	Coreen Russell	19	Minister
Oct. 15, Milford	Robert Edward McGettigan	25	Rev. W. C. Blankenship
	Jane Heckman	24	Priest
Nov. 4, Milford	James Roy Cullinan	38	Rev. George B. Higgins
	Helen Miles Locke	35	Minister
Nov. 11, Amherst	James Francis Kane	21	Catherine A. Kruger
	Joyce Marie Zusin	21	Justice of the Peace
Nov. 19, Amherst	Robert Edward Bartlett	23	Rev. L. Paul Trudinger
	Mary Adelane Pacheco	20	Minister
Nov. 25, Merrimack	Merlin Irvin Cobleigh	21	Rev. John Wright
	Dorothy Mae Hayward	21	Minister
Dec. 10, Amherst	Bruce Kenneth Johnson	20	Rev. L. Paul Trudinger
	Carlene Ann Van der Clute	19	Minister

Births Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1960

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Child</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Maiden Name of Mother</i>
Jan. 1, Nashua	Cathy Jean	Donald George Laflamme	Georgina Dorothy Estes
Jan. 10, Nashua	Penny Irene	James Lomer Walker	Pauline Evelyn Bly
Jan. 12, Nashua	Rebecca Joyce	Chester Morton Hall	June Violet Wheeler
Jan. 16, Boston, Mass.	Philip Leonhard	Rev. L. Paul Trudinger	Kathleen Binks-Williams
Jan. 26, Nashua	Henry Alfred	Robert Alfred Davis	Laura Ann Pelkey
Feb. 9, Manchester	Linda Susan	Edward Thomas Threlfall	Frances Mary Thompson
Feb. 16, Nashua	Cynthia Ann	Norman Hall	Ann Elizabeth Morgan
Feb. 17, Manchester	Helen Louise	Donald Craig Hutchinson	Carolyn Sherlene Rayfield
Mar. 1, Nashua	Dean	Bob Evans Salisbury	Alberta May Whittier
Mar. 10, Nashua	Danny Lee	Albert Herbert Pixley	Constance Edith Daggett
Mar. 11, Manchester	Melanie Marie	Fosdick Jarvis Smith	Grace Marie Harding
Apr. 6, Manchester	Penny Ann	Donald Oliver Young	Marion Grace Macklin
Apr. 6, Manchester	Paul Allen	Thomas Joseph Gill	Virginia Frances Rossi
Apr. 12, Nashua	Patrick Walter	Walter James O'Brien	Mildred Loraine Pariseau
Apr. 13, Nashua	Timothy Eric	Richard Alvan Gilman	Marian Irene Fuller
Apr. 17, Nashua	Lisa Karn	George Elmer Anderson	Clara Louise McCann
Apr. 21, Nashua	Pennie Mae	James R. Blair	Geraldine Elizabeth Wilson
May 7, Nashua	Jessica Reid	William Brewster Price	JoAnne Clark
May 7, Manchester	Gregory Alexander	Kenneth Allen Hartson	Joyce Anne Winship
June 4, Goffstown	Debra Ann	Frederick Alphonse Carkin	Virginia May Miner
June 4, Wolfeboro	Susan June	Maurice Edwin Young	Virginia Morgan Sweet
June 25, Nashua	Richard Frank	Frank Peno, Jr.	Gloria Norma Prince
June 26, Nashua	Amy Anna	Stefan Stanley Kamieniecki	Marion Elizabeth Zamperini
July 13, Nashua	Kevin Charles	Charles Quimby Hall	Elaine Lenia Pearson
July 16, Leominster, Mass.	Briane Ann	John Bernard Enright	Janet Comiskey
July 27, Quincy,	William Charles	Robert William Foster	Mary Ann Williams
July 29, Nashua	Christine	Burton Stanley Knight	Wilene Cowles
July 31, Nashua	Deborah Ann	Frederick Erwin Seeling	Jane Woodbury
Aug. 26, Nashua	Susan Lee	Kenneth Linnell Bratt	Grace Irene Aldrich
Aug. 27, Boston, Mass.	Douglas Mercer	Warren M. Howe	Sandra Ann Came
Sept. 2, Nashua	Morgan Thomas	Glenn Thomas Calawa	Marian Carol Flandreau
Sept. 4, Nashua	Robert Fletcher	Harold Eastman	June Althea Hunt
Oct. 18, Nashua	Donald Lee	Leonard Alfred Boissonnault	Shirley Elaine Bohonan
Oct. 21, Nashua	Claudine Marie	Huges Jean Plante	Claudette Marie Desrosiers
Oct. 29, Nashua	Venessa Patricia	Paul Delano Delude	Shirley Ann Boutwell
Oct. 31, Nashua	Jennifer Edythe	Howard Prescott Denton	Beverly Lou Margeson
Nov. 10, Nashua	Heather Anne	Herbert Williston Campman, Jr.	Milfred Louise Dark
Nov. 12, Nashua	Thomas Knight	Kenneth Saxon Moffitt	Barbara Louise Knight
Nov. 14, Nashua	Lisa Mae	Leslie Aubrey Coldwell	Phyllis Mary Jerry
Nov. 21, Manchester	Sally Ann	Hugh Zibell	Grace Victoria Newhold
Nov. 27, Manchester	William Thomas	George Houston King	Louise Adele Rabbage
Dec. 15, Townshend, Vt.	James Calvin	Richard Wilfred Coolidge	Jean McNeil

Deaths Registered in the Town of Amherst, N. H. For the Year Ending December 31, 1960

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Name of Father</i>	<i>Name of Mother</i>
Jan. 11, Amherst	Lyman Whitman Gale	87	Justine E. Gale	Emma Whitman
Mar. 2, Amherst	Arthur David Glover	66	Hiram A. Glover	Rachel C. Holt
Mar. 26, Amherst	Harold O. Tarbell	65	George T. Tarbell	Dora I. Haskell
Apr. 9, Milford	Lena Maude Stoddard	88	Corwin J. Parker	Mary Ann Fosdick
Apr. 12, Milford	Lucy Esther Grasset	84	Meador Gervia	Mary Gravel
Apr. 24, Amherst	Madge Ella Pierce	82	Harrison Hawkins	Caroline Smith
May 11, Amherst	Carroll Chase	81	Walter B. Chase	Sarah Pratt
May 13, Manchester	William Charles Fountain	67	William Fountain	Dahlia Tero
May 18, Amherst	Jennie Mary Raymond	84	Gideon Desilets	Odile Beaulieu
July 2, Amherst	Leo Albert Dupont	63	Adolphe Dupont	Marie Guenette
Aug. 18, Nashua	Blanche S. Lathrop	91	Zemirah Lathrop	Clara Lilly
Sept. 2, Amherst	Arlene F. Huntington	49	George M. Gunn	Hazel F. Tilton
Sept. 3, Milford	Theodore Thomas Kuester	78	Theodore Kuester	Mary Pitt
Sept. 20, Nashua	Edward Steven Harrington	76	Edw. A. Harrington	Aseneth Newcombe
Sept. 23, Amherst	Sara Jane Blodgett	76	Joseph M. Carrier	Emma B. Colby
Oct. 11, Amherst	Elizabeth May Strickland	28	Roy Stuart Parker	Edith Thihedeau
Dec. 18, Amherst	Walter Parker Fuller	84	Lemuel Fuller	Emeline Langlands

Man strives for glory, honor, fame,
That all the world may know his name.
Amasses wealthy by brain and hand;
Becomes a power in the land.

But when he nears the end of life
And looks back o'er the years of strife,
He finds that happiness depends
On none of these, but love of friends.

Author unknown.

Brought from Away and Buried in Amherst, N. H.

<i>Date and Place</i>	<i>Name of Deceased</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Cemetery</i>
1952			
Aug. 15, New Jersey	Lawrence S. Billings	58	St. Patrick's
1959			
Dec. 31, Nashua	Martha Avis Bizel	71	St. Patrick's
1960			
Jan. 9, Milford	Grace A. Bosworth	88	Meadowview
Feb. 18, Nashua	John Andrew Kiernan, Sr.	73	St. Patrick's
Feb. 18, Milford	Bernard Ambrose Hutchinson	66	St. Patrick's
Mar. 1, Milford	Gideon Martineau	66	St. Patrick's
May 7, Texas	William R. White	62	Cricket Corner
May 17, Greenville	Theophile Joseph Valliere	83	St. Patrick's
May 21, Milford	Mary D'Andrea Sacco	71	St. Patrick's
May 22, Malden, Mass.			
	Hattie T. Hollis	78	Meadowview
June 27, Milford	Hattie A. Byrd	84	Meadowview
July 23, Mass.	Edwin Arnold Atkinson	59	Meadowview
Aug. 14, Candia	Joseph W. Nelson	86	Meadowview
Oct. 19, Milford	Patricia Lee Kiernan	2 mo.	St. Patrick's
Oct. 25, Nashua	Edna Louise Bontelle	77	Meadowview
Nov. 2, Nashua	Minnie Ellsworth Weston	98	Cricket Corner

Vital Statistics of a Town are one of its most important records, not merely for today, but for generations to come. If everyone would see to it that the records of their own families were fully and correctly filled out on Marriage, Birth and Death certificates, it might be of great help in making out the records of today.

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CATHERINE A. KRUGER, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL NOTE:

To residents receiving mail via R.F.D.: PLEASE remember you live in AMHERST; state this as well as your mailing address. This is helpful in recording Vital Statistics.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

The 1961 Ways and Means Committee has met with those officers and boards responsible for preparing budgets which the town and the school district will consider at the annual meetings. The departments have performed the usual careful analysis of necessary expenditures for their respective budgets, so our recommendations involving changes in the budgets as presented are generally of a minor nature due to prudence on the part of elected and appointed officials. Changes in operating procedures have been discussed with department heads, some of which are included in this report.

The most constructive part of this report, we hope, will be in connection with warrant articles. Some of these, while not involving funds, establish general policies which could result in future expenditures and affect the general welfare of the town in other ways.

We thank the officials for their fine cooperation in making records for the past year available and the detailed descriptions of expenditures given when requested.

TOWN WARRANT

Article 1:

No comment is necessary.

Article 2:

We recommend approval of each item in the Town Budget except as noted in the following comments:

EXPENSES TOWN HALL: Starting this year the school district is going to pay their fair share of the expenses of light, fuel and janitor service.

Non-town agencies and organizations are expected to pay a fair rental charge.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: We recommend the sum of \$8,375 for this item. This will allow for the purchase of \$1,000 of badly needed new hose, the installation of a second overhead door, and provision for \$1,500

worth of fire bills (the annual average of recent years), any unexpected balance of which shall remain in the town treasury.

We further recommend that the fire wards shall take inventory of their present hose supply, anticipate their needs for the future, and present a plan to alleviate their hose deficiency.

In following years we recommend that Hydrant Rental be listed as a separate item in the budget.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: The town should be grateful for certain free police service it is now getting. In future years we may have to increase the police department services. This year's increase is due to purchase of new radios.

CARE OF TREES: We recommend that this item be reduced from \$2,200 to \$2,000. Future expenses may be expected to decline as the fine program which has been carried on gradually catches up with the tree diseases which have been so prevalent.

TOWN DUMP: The road agent has plans for an enlargement in the space and operation of the dump. The \$200 increase asked for under this item should make greater efficiency possible in future dump maintenance.

ROADS: The \$500 increase in summer maintenance is due mostly to increased general costs.

LIBRARY: The library has long operated on a fiscal year of March to March. We have recommended this be changed next year to the calendar year to coincide with the rest of the town's accounting. We recommend appropriating \$2,200 this year to cover expenses from now to December 31st. Next year we would expect a budget approximating the \$2,600 requested for this year which includes a small increase in the assistant librarian's salary.

SOCIAL SECURITY: This increase from last year's expenditure is because last year's coverage was only

a portion of a year.

TOWN POOR AND OLD AGE ASSISTANCE: Additional cases are present this year which must be taken care of.

COURT ROOM IMPROVEMENT: We disapprove this item in the budget as this expenditure is considered as a separate Article in the warrant.

Article 3:

We recommend approval.

Article 4:

We recommend approval.

Article 5:

We recommend that no money be raised or appropriated for this purpose.

Article 6:

We recommend approval based on the understanding that this year the money will be spent on replacing defective culverts. There are so many worthwhile road improvement projects facing the Road Agent that it is difficult to know where to begin. The program referred to in the Article gained its initial acceptance in 1956 when an attack was made on the problem of replacing small stone drainage culverts, built in the days of light vehicles and infrequent use which are collapsing under the loads of modern traffic. In subsequent years this money has been directed to other projects as dictated by pressing needs. The culvert problem looms large, however, and this year's appropriation will cover only a fraction of the work which eventually must be done. Because this problem is town-wide, we think it is the best choice this year for these funds.

Article 7:

We recommend disapproval. Lots available from last year's filling operation, using funds appropriated under Article 11 in the 1960 Town Warrant should satisfy the needs of the town for about ten years. We

recommend that the Planning Board seek a long range solution to the town's responsibility to provide land for cemeteries.

Article 8:

Your Committee would like to see the Road Commission or the Planning Board make a comprehensive study of Baboosic Lake roads in question of town acceptance. We would expect this study to determine what roads in this district are now town roads, a recommendation of those roads that should be officially accepted in their present condition, and a determination of the amount of private money that should be spent on some roads to put them in acceptable condition.

We, therefore, recommend disapproval of this Article at this time.

Article 9:

We recommend approval.

Article 10:

We recommend approval. This inventory was last published in 1953.

Article 11:

We recommend approval. This road was constructed under specifications of the road agent and fully meets the intent of Article 13 passed at the 1959 Town Meeting.

Article 12:

We recommend approval.

Article 13:

We recommend approval.

Article 14:

We recommend appropriating \$100 for this Article. We understand there is \$200 available in contributions which would be enough to complete the renovation as outlined in last year's Ways and Means Report.

Article 15:

We recommend approval. The Planning Board

has necessary expenditures and as its activities increase, we expect it should have a nominal operating budget.

Article 16:

We recommend disapproval of this Article. We feel this money should not be spent at this time as it seems there has not been enough time to show a need and usefulness of such a study. No specific use of the study was indicated when we met with the Planning Board and results of similar studies of other small towns were not available.

We feel that in this area of investigation there are in existence several sources of free information available such as; aerial photographs, Baboosic Watershed Study, Souhegan Watershed Study, and State and Federal soil studies.

Article 17:

We recommend approval of this Article. The Planning Board should have the authority to function as intended. Its establishment under State Statute spells out its duties and gives it this authority.

Article 18:

We approve this Article except that we recommend the words "and the side of any building facing the front property line shall be parallel thereto" be deleted. We feel that architectural requirements often demand the opposite of this.

Article 19:

We recommend approval.

Article 20:

Your Committee feels that these specifications for newly constructed roads should be a proper goal for roads serving a comparatively large number of homes, possible thru traffic, commercial activity, and locations posing maintenance problems. However, we feel that they may be too stringent in instances of light use. We, therefore, recommend this Article be approved with the following amendment: "The Sel-

ectmen also be empowered to accept a road built to lesser specifications if in the opinion of the Road Agent, the Road Commission and the Selectmen, it is built adequately for its expected use”.

We feel it is better to rely upon the judgment of a group of qualified men than to attempt to write a series of specifications that would cover all needs.

Article 21:

We recommend disapproval of this Article. We feel the present Zoning Ordinance concerning signs is adequate. It is our thinking that the possibility of out of town commercial interests buying land for the erection of only twelve square feet of sign is remote. The regulation to approve sign erection only upon the *immediate premises* of business could work a hardship on local small businesses needing attention drawn to their place of business which might be off a main road.

Article 22:

We recommend this Article be approved with the following amendments: Paragraph b under the new Section 4 to read as follows; “Signs of the following nature may be erected within this district; Federal, Town and State directional and regulatory signs; historic signs; advertising signs as large as twelve square feet in total relating only to the business or profession of the owner or tenant of the property upon which placed. All signs shall be placed in such a manner as not to obstruct the view of the highway.” Also, Paragraph c under the same Section 4 have the following words deleted: “and the side of any building facing the front property line shall be parallel thereto.”

Article 23:

We recommend approval. Amherst has a group of men interested in improving the efficiency of our fire department through more fire drills and active participation in the fire department. The requested salary increase does little more than reimburse these men

for cleaning bills and travel expenses.

Article 24:

We recommend approval. Apparently even after the insurance committee's investigation of 1952, there is need of consolidation and reorganization of our insurance program. A committee with some professional insurance men on it should be able to make worthwhile recommendations.

SCHOOL WARRANT

Articles 1 Through 7:

No comment necessary.

Article 8:

We recommend approval of the entire school budget. The following informative comments are offered: **TEACHER'S SALARIES:** The decrease here reflects the decrease in the number of teachers from thirteen to ten since the Seventh and Eighth grades will be going to Milford. An increase in the teachers' base salary from \$3,900 to \$4,000 is included in this figure. This increase seems justified in considering the better competitive position it gives Amherst in the hiring of teachers.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES: This reduction is also caused by fewer pupils but is not as great as might be expected because the per pupil cost has been figured fifty cents higher for each item.

AIDE AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC: This figure is composed of \$500 for music instruction and \$1,458 for teachers' aide.

WATER, LIGHT, CUSTODIAN'S SUPPLIES: The increase of \$300 is due to the selectmen's request that the School District pay their fair share of the cost of light and fuel in connection with the Town Hall Kitchen.

TRANSPORTATION: \$2,000 of this increase is for transporting the 7th and 8th grades to Milford.

Another bus is to be bought and all pupils going to Milford will leave at one time from the Brick School.

TUITION: This item is made up of 145 pupils in grades 9 to 12 at \$350 each and 93 pupils in grades 7 and 8 at \$230 each. Also there is a 2% rental charge of \$3,915.

RETIREMENT: There is a reduction here corresponding to the lower total of teachers' salaries.

IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDINGS: This item consists of \$600 for inside painting, \$200 for outside painting, and \$475 for a four foot chain link fence on the west side of the Brick School.

Article 9:

We recommend approval. We feel the organization of this class will be a great help not only to the students participating but also to the pupils in the regular classes who will be able to progress at a faster pace. In another year we will be able to determine how worthwhile the apparently high per pupil cost is.

Article 10:

We recommend approval.

Article 11:

We recommend approval.

ROBERT H. CURRIER, Chairman
L. ALLEN CARLSMITH, Secretary
DONALD H. DAVIS
EPWORTH S. MOULTON
KEITH A. NOBLE
HAROLD H. WILKINS, JR.
CURTIS R. WORTHEN

Amherst School Report

For the Year Ending June 30, 1960

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AMHERST SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Officers — 1960-61

Mr. James Walker, school board Term expires 1961
Mr. James Enright, school board Term expires 1962
Mrs. Cynthia Lathrop, school board Term expires 1963

Mr. Harold C. Bowley	Superintendent
Miss Mabel I. Connolly	Helping Teacher
Mrs. Barbara Landry	Clerk and Treasurer
Mr. Creeley S. Buchanan	Moderator
Alexandre Law, M.D.	School Physician
Mrs. Marion Gangloff	School Nurse
Mr. Merton Byrd	Truant Officer

School Calendar — 1960-61

Begin	Close
Wed., Sept. 7, 1960	Wed., Dec. 21, 1960
Tues., Jan. 3, 1961	Fri., Feb. 17, 1961
Mon., Feb. 27, 1961	Fri., April 21, 1961
Mon., May 1, 1961	Approx. June 23, 1961

Holidays:

October 21 — Teachers' Convention
November 24-25, 1960 — Thanksgiving
Schools close at 12:15, November 23, 1960
May 30, 1961 — Memorial Day

School Calendar — 1961-62

Sept. 6 (Wed.) - Dec. 22 (Fri.)	75 days
(Nov. 23, 24)	
Jan. 2 (Tues.) - Feb. 16 (Fri.)	34 days
Feb. 26 (Mon.) - April 20 (Fri.)	40 days
April 30 (Mon.) - Approx. June 19 (Tues.)	36 days
(Memorial Day, May 30)	-----
	185 days

Schools close at 12:15 on November 22. Teachers' Convention, October 20 — schools will close to encourage teachers to attend their Convention. The closing date will be revised as the number of days for convention, workshop, or bad weather is known. Under any conditions, schools will close at the end of 180 pupil days.

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Amherst qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 10th day of March 1961, at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To see if the district will vote to authorize the

School Board to organize a special class for Retarded Children and to accept tuition pupils from Milford or other districts at approximately one-half the cost of said class.

10. To see if the district will vote to authorize the School Board to make application for and to accept, on behalf of the district, any or all grants or other funds for educational purposes which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or from the State of New Hampshire, or from any other source.

11. To see if the district will vote to establish a School Study Committee of not more than nine nor less than five citizens to investigate and report upon Amherst School needs and solutions, said committee to be appointed by the Moderator.

Given under our hands at said Amherst this 14th day of February 1961.

JAMES WALKER,
JAMES F. ENRIGHT,
CYNTHIA T. LATHROP,
School Board.

Warrant opened at 3:30 p. m. for election of officers; other articles to be voted at 8:00 p. m.

NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL ASSESSMENT, 1960

EXPENDITURES

Current Expenditures	\$158,399 55
Capital Outlay:	
Additions and Improvements	4,800 00
New Equipment	700 00
Debt and Interest	7,089 45
Total Appropriation	-----\$170,989 00

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Balance, June 30, 1960 (Est.)	\$ 8,000 00
State Build. Aid (Est.)	2,490 00
Trust Funds (Est.)	420 00
Tuition (Est.) (Wards)	250 00
Contingency	1,500 00
Assessment required to meet	
School District Appropriation	158,329 00
Total Appropriation	-----\$170,989 00

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the School District of Amherst held March 4, 1960.

CHARLOTTE M. DREYER,
Clerk.

AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET

	Adopted Budget 1959-60	Actual Payments 1959-60	Adopted Budget 1960-61	Proposed Budget 1961-62
Administration:				
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 332.00	\$ 332.00	\$ 332.00	\$ 419.00
2. Supt's Salary (Local Share)	1,197.70	1,197.70	1,357.80	1,348.05
3. Per Capita Tax	888.00	888.00	956.00	1,032.00
4. Salaries of Adm. Personnel	1,678.70	1,678.70	1,958.40	1,927.65
5. Administration	760.50	793.70	772.70	741.66
Instruction:				
6. Teachers' Salaries	64,422.40	63,298.88	69,223.47	52,662.00
7. Books and Other Instructional Aids	1,665.00	1,647.62	1,687.50	1,500.00
8. Scholar's Supplies	2,035.00	1,839.24	2,062.50	1,800.00
9. Aide and Instruction — Music		875.00		1,958.00
10. Supplies and other Instruction Expenses	900.00	1,020.55	987.50	1,075.00
Operation of School Plant:				
11. Salaries of Custodians	3,800.00	4,091.68	4,188.00	4,288.00
12. Fuel or Heat	2,100.00	1,929.71	2,100.00	2,172.50
13. Water, Light, Custodian Supplies	1,800.00	2,207.83	1,850.00	2,150.00
Maintenance of School Plant:				
14. Repairs and Replacements	800.00	1,042.31	700.00	800.00
Auxiliary Activities:				
15. Health Supervision	884.00	832.14	975.80	978.80
16. Transportation	14,750.00	14,806.00	14,750.00	17,000.00

17. Tuition	44,800.00	35,024.46	45,880.00	77,021.00
18. Special Activities	200.00	171.93	200.00	200.00
Fixed Charges:				
19. Retirement	4,868.97	4,873.35	5,878.17	4,703.88
20. Insurance	1,039.71	857.08	1,039.71	913.30
Capital Outlay:				
22. Additions and Improvements to Buildings	1,200.00	1,361.95	4,800.00	1,275.00
23. New Equipment	630.00	1,647.16	700.00	548.00
Other Charges:				
25. Principal of Debt	8,000.00	8,000.00	7,000.00	
26. Interest on Debt	279.66	279.66	89.45	
27. Contingency	1,500.00	1,760.61	1,500.00	2,000.00
Retarded Children				6,500.00
Total Expenditures	\$156,831.64	\$152,457.26	\$170,989.00	\$185,013.84
Estimated or Actual Receipts	4,410.00		12,660.00	8,787.86
Estimated or Actual Amount to be Raised and Appropriated	\$152,421.64		\$158,329.00	\$176,225.98

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WALKER,
JAMES ENRIGHT,
CYNTHIA T. LATHROP,

School Board

REPORT OF TREASURER

(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960)

CHARLOTTE M. DREYER, Treasurer,

In account with the School District of Amherst.

Dr.	
Balance as per last report	\$ 43 48
Board of Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation as of March, 1959	156,570 64
Received from State Treasurer:	
State Funds	2,490 00
Federal Funds	583 35
Other:	
Federal — School Lunch	1,410 61
Tuition	303 57
Trust Funds	457 99
Other Income	449 83
Total	\$162,309 27
Cr.	
Payments on order of School Board	\$152,907 09
Cash on hand June 30, 1960	9,402 18
Total	\$162,309 27

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all
State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Amherst, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960, and find them correct in all respects.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

When faced with the annual task of writing this report the Board as usual becomes confused as it takes its backward look at the tremendous, almost overwhelming, array of events, thoughts, and considerations that contribute to one year's passage in the Amherst schools. This confusion arises when the effort is made to select for this report the things which, in themselves, will give the reader as clear a picture as possible of what has happened during the preceding year.

Our program of teacher evaluation is continuing and improving, thanks to the generous cooperation of both faculty and administration. The Board feels more strongly than ever that evaluation can be a valuable aid to the teachers in improving their work and also to the Administration and the Board to insure a high calibre of teaching effort and quality.

During the past summer a portion of the funds appropriated by a special warrant article last March for that purpose was spent to install the automatic oil-fired steam heat in the Brick School. An oil tank large enough to hold an entire over-the-road tanker-load of oil was purchased, resulting in a total saving of between four and five cents a gallon from the door-to-door tank wagon price, with which we are all too familiar in this most severe winter. Oil consumption is gratifyingly low and at this writing the one tanker-load appears capable of lasting an entire season, which will permit the district to purchase all the oil for this building at the summer off-peak price. Considering the age of the building the heating has been very satisfactory. Also, elimination of the necessity to hand-fire the old coal boiler has resulted in a far more productive day for the custodian, Mr. Byrd. The Board had hoped that the \$4,000.00 appropriation would be large enough to cover

installation of both the heating plant and a system of forced ventilation in the already-existing ducts in the building. Cost estimates on the ventilation contracts made it obvious that this was impossible without exceeding the appropriation and therefore the ventilation work was not done.

The other physical improvement to the plant was the grading and hot-topping of a parking area for teachers' cars at the Clark School, thus keeping the driveway free for the use of the school buses.

The Study Committee created at the last school district meeting has put in a long year and made considerable progress. For a more detailed account of its activities and recommendations to date, we refer you to its own report elsewhere in this book. The article in the warrant with respect to a Study Committee is a request that the district continue the present committee until completion of its work in the next six months, and also it leaves the door open to augment the committee for the purposes and reasons outlined in the above-mentioned report.

The only actual changes anticipated in the coming year are two. The first, which has been accepted by the district in January, 1961, is the tuitioning of the 7th and 8th grades to Milford for the next two years. This is mutually advantageous. It increases Milford's volume and better utilizes her space, thereby permitting the offering of a better curriculum, and it relieves the crowding in Amherst and at a cost approximately the same as if these two grades were kept in Amherst.

The second change, which appears as a special article in the warrant, has to do with the creation of a class for retarded children. The report of the Helping Teacher for both last year and this year will give you the best picture of the reasons for this proposal. The proposed class would be conducted in and by Amherst, because she has the space, and pupils sent from Milford would come on a tuition basis. The budget

for this class will be kept separate and any surplus at the end of the school year would be returned to the two participating districts on a pro-rata basis. The Board heartily endorses this class and predicts that its helpfulness, not only to its own members but to all the classes in the two districts, will soon cause it to be oversubscribed. It's hoped that you will find yourselves in agreement with the Board's position and will accept this article.

You will note that the proposed budget includes a sum for the salary of a teacher's aide. Because of the large size of the incoming first grade, and in order to relieve the Clark School teachers from a part of the recess and bus duty, the position of teacher's aide was created during the early part of this school year. It has worked very well, and because the situation will be unchanged in that area another year the Board hopes to be able to continue to provide for such a person.

The Board feels that during this year a greatly increased number of people in the district have become aware of the fine work that has been done by our principal, Mr. Buck, and that you will concur in the feeling that the position should be continued.

As many of you are aware, Mr. Bowley's term as Superintendent of Union No. 40 is at an end as of June 30th, 1961. A new man, Mr. Richard Goodman, will step into this vital position at that time. On behalf of the district the Board wishes to thank Mr. Bowley for his years of conscientious service and to welcome Mr. Goodman with anticipation, to the important role he must assume in the changing school picture of Union No. 40.

In closing the School Board wishes to thank sincerely the faculty, Miss Connolly, the art and music supervisors, the school nurse, the custodian and any and all others who have in any way contributed to the continuing improvement of the Amherst schools.

We trust that you will give the needs and problems

of the Amherst schools serious consideration, and request your cooperation in meeting the proposed budget.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WALKER,

JAMES ENRIGHT,

CYNTHIA LATHROP,

School Board.

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent

This is the 44th in the Series, 22 of which have been mine. This being the last for me, I think back to the first and quote: "It is my plan to adjust myself to the organization as I come into it, to suggest changes only as the need arises, or a change will better serve the pupils in the schools." This philosophy still holds and the future will show how faithfully it has been followed. Welfare of pupils is the test of every action.

Duties

With a new Superintendent coming in and the present one retiring, I think it pertinent to recall what School Boards and Superintendents do. Space prevents listing all the activities which they collectively or individually perform.

A. School Board duties are:

Elect teachers upon nomination by Superintendent and fix salaries and terms of employment.

Employ janitors and other employees.

Authorize purchases.

Provide suitable school facilities and transportation.

Prepare budgets and see that proper accounts are kept.

Hold meetings to transact business.

Determine, upon recommendation of Superintendent, subjects to be taught and time devoted to each.

B. Superintendent's duties:

Must give his entire time to the position.

Enforces rules, laws, regulations that concern schools and the welfare of children.

Directs and supervises the work of teachers and janitors.

Nominates teachers (i.e., he seeks the candidates and asks the School Board to approve them.)

Selects and purchases books and supplies.

Keeps records and makes reports.

Removes teachers who are immoral or incompetent.

Provides substitutes and may secure fuel or other supplies if the School Board fails.

Admits pupils, assigns them to class, promotes them and recommends their graduation.

Just a quick glance at the above will show you the general duties. There are innumerable specifics that may or may not be covered by the above. Let it be said that the School Board is intended to be a policy-making and a legislative body. As such, it must act as a body with the will of the majority governing its actions. The Superintendent is the executive officer and the administrator for these actions, as well as those prescribed by law or regulation.

In general, let it be said that Education is a state function as outlined in Article 83 of our Constitution. The General Court, in turn, has given authority to a State Board of Education and to local districts to perform certain functions with regard to schools. So, in many respects there is a clear line of responsibility descending from the state to all its local units, and the reverse in ascending form.

Teachers

There were three teacher-changes since the last report. Mr. Groves and the School Board could not agree

upon the terms of a contract so a search for a replacement had to be instituted. After a series of interviews and conferences, Mr. Chester Buck of Concord, then Principal at Bow, was chosen for the vacancy. Mr. Buck has brought many fine ideas and practices to the school. He has proved to be a "find" in many respects. Mrs. Knowlton left to join her husband out of state, and Mrs. Wilcox chose not to continue teaching. For Grade One, we selected Mrs. Mary S. Deschenes of Jaffrey. Mrs. Deschenes, a former Amherst girl, and an experienced teacher in Milford and Jaffrey, had just finished a resident year at Keene Teachers College for her degree. For the Grade 3-4 position, Mrs. Ruth Trundy of Mont Vernon was elected. Mrs. Trundy had taken special courses in education to prepare her for this work in Amherst.

Another change in the teaching process occurred this fall. It was decided that the First Grade was too large for efficient operation with one teacher. So, an aide — Mrs. Ruth Griffin — was employed to assist the First Grade in particular, as well as help out in all the grades at the Clark School. This aide is intended to relieve the regular teacher of most of the non-teaching duties she might have to do; thus, giving the teacher more time to devote to instruction. The aide assists within the room to see that pupils do their work, to sit with reading groups, to correct papers, to help put on or remove outer clothing. The aide also prepares duplicated materials and has playground and lunch-time duties. This Teacher Aide Program is new here, though used extensively elsewhere, and has proved its worth in Amherst.

Financial

I go back to 1940 again to review the budget presented there to find the total as \$16,676.14 for some 202 pupils locally. Twenty years later the total is \$152,457.26 for 383 pupils and 107 on tuition. I find

also that the per pupil Elementary costs for the previous year were: Amherst \$72.63, Brookline \$62.09, Hollis \$63.92, Milford \$62.21, and Mont Vernon \$106.37 with the State median at \$81.07. Today's figures would read: Amherst \$241.33, Brookline \$197.69, Hollis \$231.47, Milford \$229.42, and Mont Vernon \$213.29 with the state average at \$262.00. As was stated in my first report: "these figures should point to the fact that your schools have not been conducted at excessive cost."

The writer is pleased that the special district meeting of January 4, 1961 approved the contract with Milford to send the 7th and 8th grades there. I have been around long enough to realize the values inherent in the larger organization. I have worked in small and fairly large systems and agree with the Conant report that the minimum for a worthwhile and economic program involves at least 125 pupils in Grades 7 and 8, and 100 graduates in the Senior High. Without your 7th and 8th combined in Milford, neither Amherst nor Milford would have met this minimum. Again, the welfare of youth should be uppermost in our actions and I believe this step means just that. Whether the goal is reached by tuition or consolidation, there will be mutual advantage to the pupils of both Amherst and Milford. The success of the combination in grades 9-12 only emphasizes why I am so pleased.

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I invite your attention to all the other reports that are included herewith. They represent work accomplished and deserve your consideration.

As I pay my final respects to each and every one of you, it is with appreciation and gratitude that our relations have been so mutually cordial and cooperative. As a farewell gesture, I desire to commend all my friends for their patience and forbearance in my humble undertakings and to forgive my enemies. I want to

leave with nothing on my conscience. I know I leave with much unfinished work. But, so it is with any who lays down his labors for another to take up. However, I am still alive and hope to continue a lively interest in your affairs. I shall think about them often.

So, with this, I say, "Au Revoir."

Very respectfully,

HAROLD C. BOWLEY,
Superintendent of Schools.

January 16, 1961.

REPORT OF OUR HELPING TEACHER

Exceptional Children

An exceptional child is one who for one reason or another requires special attention in order to maintain himself in the educational process. He is one who differs physically, emotionally, or intellectually from his classmates and whose needs must be met according to these differences. It has been said that the quality of a school's service to all its pupils is related to its efforts with the exceptional pupil.

The grouping practices in the schools in Supervisory Union No. 40 have been an attempt to consider the individual differences to be found among our children. For a majority of them these needs have been met to a considerable degree. Most of the teachers realize that mass production may be desirable in a factory but is impossible in education. They are concerned with the varying factors of exceptionality which if not considered through special programs prevent the child from achieving according to his own ability. Although we recognize that individualized instruction is the best possible way to educate any child its cost in additional teachers would be prohibitive if all children were to receive this type of education. Our large average group seems to be adequately cared for by our present grouping practices. To a great extent the fast learning and the gifted seem to be sustaining less and less loss as the teachers are becoming increasingly aware of their needs and are providing enrichment and acceleration which offer them the challenges they require. We realize that the problems of motivation, instruction and guidance may reach a better solution within the classroom when children are grouped with others of similar abilities. This has been quite evident since the inauguration of our present program which starts and continues with the premise of a child's readiness for the subject matter and concepts to be acquired.

In spite of this practice we find a few children who receive insufficient benefit from it because of the very nature of their exceptionality. These are the pupils who are so outdistanced by the more rapid learners that they must be given a great deal of individual attention in order to maintain themselves within the classroom. Their instruction must be individualized. This involves special teaching techniques, the use of separate and different materials, extra help and drill. This has been proven the best if not the only way to provide them with an educational opportunity equal to that of other pupils. Past methods have been inadequate and in many instances detrimental. Behavior problems are engendered when the pupil repeats grade after grade and finds himself with much younger children. Social promotions may help the pupil in one way but cannot solve the problems created when the teacher must take time from the rest of the class to give him as much of her attention as is necessary to teach him even a minimum of subject matter. Often he vegetates in one room after another, getting what little he can but seldom as much as he is mentally able to acquire. He remains an underachiever. If these children were together as a group rather than scattered throughout the several schools within the Union their needs might be more adequately met.

Need for a Program

At the request of the Union School Boards I have attempted to identify these children and to present an acceptable program which will bring together these children from Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Milford and Mont Vernon. Eighty-six children were individually tested after being selected by teacher recommendation and information obtained from guidance folders based upon previous tests. About 45 of these pupils were considered eligible for special classes and represent slightly over three percent of the 1,391 children in the

present Grades One through Six. Considering the vast amount of individualized instruction necessary to teach these children it is customary to limit the class size to about 16. We hope to have two classes based upon chronological ages and that will be offered the type of program suitable to each age group. Provision for the location and costs of maintaining this program are considered elsewhere in the school report. Each district will have an opportunity to participate in this venture — a program which will at last care for the educational needs of these children. The costs given are a maximum with quite favorable prospects of being reduced. The outlook for legislative action this year is very encouraging. Financial help from the state may be forthcoming.

The School Boards and Superintendent of Supervisory Union No. 40 are to be commended for their interest and efforts in behalf of this program to the end that all children shall have an equal opportunity for an education. I wish to thank them along with the principals and teachers, parents and friends who have made this past school year an educationally profitable one for so many of our children.

Respectfully submitted,
MABEL I. CONNOLLY,
Helping Teacher.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To Superintendent of Schools, Harold C. Bowley, Amherst School Board Members and Citizens of Amherst, New Hampshire:

Schools opened in September, 1960, with 393 children. We have 13 full time teachers to work with these children. Our classes range in size from 17 to 36 students. A number of teachers attended summer school during the past summer. Miss Boutelle, Mrs. Kittredge, Mr. Kelley and Mr. Childs have been taking extension courses during the first semester this year, and quite a number of the teachers plan to take extension courses during the second semester. Because of the day and age in which we live, a teacher must take courses in the summer or by the extension method if he or she is to keep abreast of the rapidly changing times.

Schools are in a period of transition. Teachers and school administrators are besieged with new and often times promising ideas for educating the youth of the nation. Some of these new ideas have been put into practice around the nation and it will be several years before their real worth can be evaluated. There is an air of urgency and excitement surrounding these new ideas, but teachers and administrators must proceed with great caution, because if we should seize upon a poor idea, it could be several years before the error was discovered. Here in Amherst, we have and will continue to sift these many ideas and only put into practice those that we feel quite certain will improve our educational product.

One example of this is our departmentalized fifth and sixth grade. This plan seems to have much in its favor. The students in these grades now change classes and teachers for their subject matter. Mrs. Dwight Richardson teaches science to grades 5 and 6. Mrs. Cynthia Bickford teaches social studies to grades 5

and 6, and Mrs. Kenneth Wheeler teaches arithmetic to grades 5 and 6. In the afternoon each teacher has her home room for reading and language arts. In our fast-moving times it is difficult for a teacher to be outstanding in all areas of the curriculum. By departmentalizing, each teacher has the opportunity to specialize in one or two areas, and the student reaps the benefit of this type of teaching. While this program is new this year, we have received many favorable comments concerning it. We welcome your comments about this or any other program in your schools.

We have abandoned the so-called "Joplin Reading Program," because the groups grew to a size too large to handle. In its place we have installed the S. R. A. Reading Laboratories. These are multi-level reading programs and are designed to permit the student to progress at his own rate. Our teachers and students like this program very much, and we can see progress in reading.

At the Clark School the teachers and principal are making a study of the curriculum to determine if it will be possible to teach reading and arithmetic on a non-graded basis. Again this is a relatively new idea in education, and it has met with success where it has been tried. If it should prove feasible for us, we shall start next year with this plan.

As parents, townspeople and teachers we should all be ever mindful of the old adage, "As the twig is bent, so shall the tree grow." I strongly urge parents and interested people to visit the schools, meet the teachers, and discuss our program. If you have questions ask them and we will try to give you an honest answer. Only through close cooperation between the school and the home can we succeed in doing the best for each child. If your child should come home with some story about what happened in school that day, call the principal or the teacher and find out about it. Children often elaborate on happenings and they ar-

rive home out of proportion. I am reminded of the first grade teacher that sent a note home to a parent stating, "If you don't believe all you hear about me, I won't believe all I hear about you."

In conclusion let me again invite you to visit your schools, and working together we can turn out the best educational product ever. Your child will spend between twelve and fifteen thousand hours in school during his childhood; we must strive together to make the most of these important formative years.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER S. BUCK,

Principal.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE

The report of the School Population Committee made at the March, 1960 School District Meeting suggested that, in view of the continued upward trend of the school population and the present capacity load our schools are carrying, the committee would normally recommend the addition of two classrooms to the Clark School, to be ready for the start of classes in 1961. However, the School Board pointed out that there were several long-range possibilities for re-organization of our school system. Therefore the Population Committee recommended that, in lieu of an immediate building program, a School Study Committee be appointed to work with the School Board in making a thorough investigation into these possibilities. They suggested that the Study Committee report their recommendations at the March, 1961 School District Meeting, or sooner. The 1960 School Meeting followed this recommendation, and voted that the Moderator appoint a School Study Committee.

The Study Committee regrets that they are not ready to give a definite recommendation at this time for a long-range solution of our school problems. As you know, however, the District voted at the Special School Meeting on January 4th, 1961, to enter into a two-year contract with Milford to accept our Grades 7 and 8, as well as Grades 9-12, beginning September, 1961 and running to June, 1963. The Study Committee made this recommendation in order to give them more time to complete their studies, and at the same time relieve our present crowded conditions, and give our 7th and 8th grade children the advantages of a more complete Junior High curriculum.

As has been reported previously to the town, the Study Committee has been making a thorough investigation of the three most feasible avenues which our school system could follow in the future. They are:

(1) Keep Grades 1-6 in Amherst and tuition Grades 7-12 to Milford; (2) Keep Grades 1-9 in Amherst, building a new Junior High School building, and tuition grades 10-12 to Milford; (3) Enter into a Consolidated School District with Hollis and Brookline. There is a definite feeling in town that consolidation is the most practical solution to our problems, but, that the logical center of a Consolidated District should be Milford. We would like to point out that, should Milford wish to reconsider consolidating with other towns at some future date, the first two alternatives do not preclude an eventual consolidation with Milford.

At this time the studies of the first two of the three possibilities have been pretty well completed. Since we are working with two other towns in studying the third alternative, progress has been somewhat slower. It is a program which requires considerably more research on the part of three different towns in cooperation with the State Department of Education. Our Committee has found the slow-going somewhat frustrating. However, we would rather have it this way than to go too fast and not be sure of our facts and figures. We certainly hope and expect to complete the consolidation studies within the next six months. As soon as this is done, this committee will evaluate the three alternative plans, weighing carefully the advantages, disadvantages, and quality of education which each program offers. We will then call a Special School District Meeting to make our recommendation to the District. If this is done within the next six months we will then have a year and a half before our contract with Milford expires, in which to set up the course of action decided upon. Should it be the second or third program, a year and a half's time would be needed to do a thorough, competent and careful job in building and organizing the program.

The School Board members of the Study Committee would like to take this opportunity to tell the Dis-

trict that they have requested to be allowed to withdraw from the Study Committee as active members. They have asked the Moderator to appoint new members to the Committee to replace them at the March District meeting. The Board feels that their regular School Board duties which must be fulfilled industriously, in addition to all the research and meetings involved on the Study Committee, is too heavy a load to carry and do a good job. Also, they feel that bringing new members in these final stages of the study, will be an advantage in weighing the programs with fresh, objective viewpoints. In addition, as is true in any organization, the more people brought into the study, the wider-spread will be the complete understanding of the situation. The School Board will continue to be members of the Committee, ex officio, attending the major Committee meetings in a mutually informative capacity.

Your patience in bearing with us in these time-consuming and exhaustive, but worthwhile studies, is appreciated.

AMHERST SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE,

Dorothy Carlsmith, Chairman
James Walker, School Board
James Enright, School Board
Cynthia Lathrop, School Board
Robert Currier
Roland Fraser
Otto Neugebauer

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF
AMHERST SCHOOL BOARD**
(For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960)

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$161,859 44
TOTAL PAYMENTS	152,457 26
Cash balance, June 30, 1960	\$ 9,402 18

RECEIPTS IN DETAIL

Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch	\$ 1,410 61
N. D. E. A.	583 35
State Aid:	
School Building Aid	2,490 00
From Selectmen Raised by Taxation:	
Current Appropriation	156,570 64
From Sources other than Taxation:	
Tuitions	303 57
Trust Funds	457 79
Total Receipts from All Sources	\$161,815 96
Cash on hand July 1, 1959	43 48
Grand Total	\$161,859 44

PAYMENTS IN DETAIL
July 1, 1959 to June 30, 1960

Administration:	
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$ 332 00
2. Superintendent's Salary	
(Local Share)	1,197 70
3. Tax for State-Wide Supervision	888 00
4. Salaries of Other Administrative	
Personnel	1,678 70
5. Supplies and Expenses	793 70
	\$ 4,890 10

Instruction:

6. Principal's & Teachers' Sal.	\$63,298	88	
7. Books & other Instr. Aids	1,647	62	
8. Scholars' Supplies (consumed as used)	1,839	24	
9. Salaries of Others	875	00	
10. Other expenses of Instr.	1,020	55	
	-----		\$68,681 29

Operation of School Plant:

11. Salary of Custodian	4,091	68	
12. Fuel or Heat	1,929	71	
13. Water, Light, Supplies & Expenses	2,207	83	
	-----		\$ 8,229 22

Maintenance of School Plant:

14. Repairs and Replacements	1,042	31	
	-----		\$ 1,042 31

Auxiliary Activities:

15. Health Supervision	\$ 832	14	
16. Transportation	14,806	00	
17. Tuition	35,024	46	
18. Other Special Activities	1,932	54	
	-----		\$ 52,595 14

Fixed Charges:

19. Retirement	4,873	35	
20. Insurance	857	08	
	-----		\$ 5,730 43

Capital Outlay:

22. Additions and Improvements	\$1,361	95	
23. N. D. E. A.	1,647	16	
	-----		\$ 3,009 11

Debt and Interest

25. Principal of Debt	\$8,000	00	
26. Interest on Debt	279	66	
	-----		\$ 8,279 66

Total Payments

\$152,457 26

BALANCE SHEET – JUNE 30, 1960

ASSETS

Cash on hand, June 30, 1960	\$9,402 18
Net Debt (excess of liabilities over assets)	0 00

Total	<u>\$9,402 18</u>
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LIABILITIES

Notes and Bonds Outstanding (Indebtedness June 30, 1960, Clark School Additions)	\$7,000 00
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JAMES WALKER,
JAMES ENRIGHT,
CYNTHIA LATHROP,
School Board.

HAROLD C. BOWLEY, Superintendent.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

2½ Story Brick School	\$65,000 00
Park Street School Building	8,000 00
Clark School	80,000 00
Contents	12,600 00

Total	<u>\$165,600 00</u>
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AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

(Required by the State Board of Education from all
State Aided Districts)

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Amherst of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ORSON H. BRAGDON,
GEORGE H. HOWARD,
Auditors.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 71 of the Revised Statutes Annotated, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

JAMES WALKER,
JAMES ENRIGHT,
CYNTHIA LATHROP,
School Board.

HAROLD C. BOWLEY, Superintendent.

OUR TEACHERS — 1960-61

Name of Teacher	Subject or Grade Taught	Experience	
		Here	Total
Cynthia Bickford	Grades 5 & 6	3	5
Charlotte Boutelle	Grade 4	35	37
Rachel Brown	Grades 1 & 2	10½	14
Chester Buck	Principal	1	7
Mary Deschenes	Grade 1	1	8
Sarah Greenhalgh	Grade 2	12	16
Alden Hoyt	Grades 7 & 8	5	5
John Karakostas	Grades 7 & 8	3	3
Francis Kelley	Grades 7 & 8	2	2
Elma Kittredge	Grades 3 & 4	10	16
Mary McGee	Grade 3	16	22
Lucy Richardson	Grades 5 & 6	3½	3½
Ruth Trundy	Grades 3 & 4	1	6½
Emma Wheeler	Grades 5 & 6	2	6
William Childs	Art	4	4
Elsie Wheeler	Music	27	29
Laszlo Kertesz	Orchestra	2¼	13

SALARIES — 1959-60

a. Superintendent

State's Share \$2,500 00

Local Share:

Amherst \$1,197 70

Brookline 389 40

Hollis 979 40

Milford 3,032 60

Mont Vernon 300 90

----- 5,900 00

\$8,400 00

b. Helping Teacher

State's Share \$2,500 00

Local Share:

Amherst \$ 812 00

Brookline 264 00

Hollis 664 00

Milford 2,056 00

Mont Vernon

204 00

----- 4,000 00

\$6,500 00

REPORT OF HEALTH SUPERVISION — 1959-60

Dr. Alexandre Law, M.D., Examiner
(Mrs.) Marion Gangloff, R.N., School Nurse

The total number of children examined	277
Tuberculosis Tests	163
Chest X-rays	16
Vaccinated	50

The following defects, treatments and corrections
were reported:

	Defects	Pupils Receiving Treatment
Defective Tonsils & Adenoids	5	5
Defective Teeth	5	3
Cardiac Disease	2	2
Lungs	2	2
Orthopedic	3	0
Defective Vision	16	11
Defective Hearing	1	1

Parents were informed of all the above cases.

Diseases Reported:

Chicken Pox	6
Measles	1
Mumps	3
Mononucleosis	1

Pre-School Clinics:

June 2 — No. Examined	34
Number Home Visits by School Nurse	34

SCHOOL CENSUS

	Age as of Sept. 1, 1960	Total	Boys	Girls	No. Attending Public School
Under	1	50	23	27	
	1	37	23	14	
	2	50	29	21	
	3	36	19	17	
	4	48	31	17	
	5	43	15	28	8
	6	52	26	26	52
	7	41	19	22	39
	8	60	34	26	59
	9	52	25	27	50
	10	42	27	15	42
	11	56	29	27	55
	12	43	23	20	43
	13	47	25	22	47
	14	34	19	15	29
	15	46	23	23	36
	16	39	18	21	29
	17	40	23	17	18
	18	24	13	11	5
Totals		840	444	396	512

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1959-60

Number of pupils registered during year:	
Boys 210; Girls 173	383
Enrollment by grades:	
I-49; II-44; III-62; IV-46;	
V-48; VI-43; VII-47; VIII-44	383
Average membership in Grades 1-8	377.8
Percent of attendance in Grades 1-8	95.0
Number not absent or tardy during year	21
Number of sessions in all schools	356
Teaching positions:	
Elementary	13
Part-time Teachers	2

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Five Years: Gail Boutelle
 Three Years: Wayne Balcom
 Two Years: Jill Kennedy, Alvin
 Long, Charles Sullivan

School Year — 1959-60

Grade 1: Donald Jones
 Grade 2: George Brown, Richard Brown
 Grade 3: Jill Kennedy, Charles Sullivan
 Grade 4: James Rock
 Grade 5: Kathleen Bartlett, Robert Doane, Dean
 Husmer, David Locke, Ralph Odell, Daniel
 Plummer, Bradford Roby, Stephen Warren
 Grade 6: Nancy Fraser, Paul Doane, Norman Wor-
 cester
 Grade 7: Wayne Balcom, Gail Boutelle, Allan Clough
 Grade 8: Alvin Long

**AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATING FROM
MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL — JUNE 1960**

#Janet Elizabeth Abel
Louise Elsie Ackerman
Hilda Mae Berwick
Lawrence Allen Brown
David Carl Hanlon

*†Dennis Frank Holland
Jill Leslie Husmer

†Lawrence Grant Jasper
Patrick Edward Nathaniel McCreary
Brenda Elizabeth Miles
David William Moore
Beryl Grace Murray
Stephen Keith Noble
Judy Norma Page
John Richard Rood
Elizabeth Jean Taborne
Theodore Gordon Wells
William Arthur Young

* Top Ten Seniors # Transfer Student, Top Ten
† National Honor Society

**AMHERST TUITION PUPILS ATTENDING
MILFORD HIGH SCHOOL — 1960-61**

Grade 9 — 42
Grade 10 — 23

Grade 11 — 36
Grade 12 — 25

**AMHERST PUPILS GRADUATED FROM
EIGHTH GRADE — JUNE 1960**

Brian Beach	Robert MacLeod
Gloria Blair	William Martel
Dennis Cilley	Ben McLaughlin
Martha Cilley	Bruce Merrill
Nancy Currier	James Michie
Margaret Davis	Stuart Michie
Susan Doane	JoAnn Moody
Charles Dreyer	Lorraine Ovens
Thomas Enright	Scott Parker
John Forsyth	Elizabeth Parkhurst
Gary Frye	Selma Piper
Pamela Gidge	Judith Plummer
Sue Gill	Dolores Provencher
Susan Hansen	Lucille Provencher
Eric Hare	Douglas Rood
Thomas Hartshorn	Rudolph Roy
Cynthia Hill	Jane Salisbury
Mary Holland	Shirley Sirrell
Dexter Howe	Harvey Smith
David Jasper	Arthur Stickney
Jerry Johns	Betty Ann Stickney
Jeffrey Lathrop	George Thorell
Alvin Long	Kirby Vickery

SYNOPSIS OF AMHERST SCHOOL MEETING

March 4, 1960

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Mr. Creeley Buchanan, at 8:10 p. m. The Rev. Paul Trudinger offered the prayer.

Mr. Buchanan appointed Miss Orcutt clerk pro tem, to replace Mrs. Dreyer who was not able to attend.

Mr. Buchanan stated that unless there were objections, the reading of the warrant would be dispensed with. No objection.

Article 1. Mr. Creeley Buchanan was unanimously elected Moderator for the coming year.

Article 2. Barbara Landry was unanimously elected School Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 3. Mrs. Cynthia Lathrop was unanimously elected member of the School Board for three years.

Article 4. Barbara Landry was unanimously elected School Treasurer for one year.

Article 5. Mr. Shethar moved this article be passed, to take it up under the School Budget. So moved.

Article 6. Mr. Walker moved this article be passed because there were no special reports to be submitted at this time, and accept reports as printed in the Town Report. Carried.

Article 7. George H. Howard and Orson H. Bragdon were unanimously elected to serve as Auditors for the School District.

Article 8. Mr. Buchanan pointed out it was customary to discuss each item and vote on the total budget. He asked if there were any objections. There were none.

Mr. Shethar discussed items 1 through 10 of the budget. Discussion followed. Mr. Shethar stated increases in section No. 2, Instruction, were due to increase in number of pupils and increases in salary. He also discussed present salary schedule for teachers and

stated the school board did not recommend any change in salary base of \$3,700.00 with increases of 4% yearly for seven years.

Mr. Hopkins moved to amend item No. 6 from the present \$66,123.47 to \$69,233.47 permitting a base of \$3,900.00.

Discussion on the merit system followed. Mr. Fraser spoke strongly in favor of such a system. Mr. Walker said the school board had spent much time on the subject and were not in favor of the move at this time. Mr. Husmer, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, asked that the meeting approve its recommendation for evaluation rather than the across-the-board increase.

Mr. Buchanan restated the motion as requested. Mrs. Walker requested a ballot vote. Ballot vote carried — 31 for, 8 opposed.

Meeting recessed at 9:30 p. m. to vote. 9:45 p. m. voting closed. Votes cast 61 — For 33; opposed 28. Carried.

Items 11 through 19 were then discussed by Mr. Walker.

Mr. Enright discussed items 20 through 27.

Mr. Enright gave the new budget figures: Revenue \$12,660.00; to be raised \$166,989.00.

Mr. Enright made the motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$166,989.00 for the school budget for the ensuing year. Motion seconded. Carried.

Article 9. Mr. Enright made a motion that the School Board be authorized to spend an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 to make the conversion of the boiler from coal to oil. Motion seconded and carried.

Article 10. To allow the School District to make application for and accept any or all grants or other funds for educational purposes which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government or from the State of New Hampshire or from any other source. Carried.

Article 11. To see if the district will appoint a committee of at least five and not more than seven to study the advisability of building added facilities or transferring grades 7 and 8 to Milford on a tuition basis, as provided in Chapter 59:73, 77, 79-86, R.S.A.N.H. Carried.

Article 12. To see if the District will vote to approve the non-partisan ballot system of electing officers as provided in Chapter 59:73, 77-86, R.S.A.N.H. Carried.

Mr. Smith suggested a rising vote of thanks for Mr. Shethar, retiring member of the School Board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p. m.

CHARLOTTE DREYER,
School Clerk.

SYNOPSIS OF SPECIAL SCHOOL MEETING

January 4, 1961

The meeting was called to order by the clerk, Barbara Landry, at 8:00 p. m. The Warrant was then read. In the absence of the Moderator, Arnold Wight was elected Moderator pro tem by unanimous vote. Mr. Hermon Anderson offered the prayer.

Article 1. Mr. James Walker made motion: "To see if the District will vote to authorize the school board to negotiate an exclusive contract with Milford to take our 7th and 8th grades as tuition pupils for a two-year period beginning September 1961 at rates charged by Milford within the limits permitted by law." Seconded.

Mr. Walker filled in the reasons the School Board thought the above motion necessary. He pointed out the alternative plan as being more costly, i.e. to hire an additional teacher and classroom to take care of the overcrowding.

Mr. Currier spoke for the Ways and Means Committee and indicated approval.

Mrs. Carlsmith spoke for the Study Committee and in favor of the motion. Discussion followed.

Vote: Motion carried.

Article 2. No other business came before the meeting. It was voted to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p. m.

BARBARA LANDRY,
Clerk.

